

'Cleverer and kinder every day'



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Principal Welcome

It has been a real joy watching our students learning since they have returned. I have never seen our students so engaged and focused. I think this has a great deal to do with the success of our out-going Year 11 students in their GCSEs. Having spoken to every year about how much improvement we have seen in our results, I think this has given teachers and students alike, a real sense of belief. We now all know that great teaching, behaviour and hard work produces great outcomes. The table below outlines just how much progress we made in the Summer with our GCSE results, when comparing it to the previous cohort in 2019.

Any one reading the news will know that GCSEs were slightly different this year as they were determined by teacher assessed grades. However, it is worth noting that all our grades at Evelyn Grace were based largely on Mock exam results prior to lockdown. These exams were universal across all ARK schools, with the same mark schemes and grade boundaries and that is why we can trust that our students definitely got the results they deserve.

Our new Year 11s have also made a brilliant start to the year. They have a renewed sense of focus and I cannot help but think that one positive outcome of lockdown is that students



	2020	Improvement from 2019
English & Maths 4+	56%	+15%
English & Maths 5+	28%	+10%
Progress 8 (Average progress across best 8 subjects)	+0.22	+0.71
Attainment 8 (Average grade across best 8 subjects)	4.5	+0.94
Ebacc 4+ (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History & MFL)	31%	+17%

have learned the value of education. At our school we have one mission and that is to provide an education that transforms lives and allows our students to live happy and fulfilling lives. They do that by getting cleverer and kinder every day. We plan our lessons to help them become more knowledgeable and our tutor sessions, rewards and enrichment activities help them develop their character. I cannot tell you how proud I am of them all! There is also no doubt that our work-related programme for our Year 11 students really motivated them and got them thinking about their careers. If you have a goal, taking school seriously will always become much easier. I am excited about the year ahead.

Mr Tim Dainty, Principal

Year 11 Work Related Learning

ARK Evelyn Grace Academy in partnership with Spiral Skills supported year 11's return to school after an isolating lock down period. The Work-Related Learning Programme is an initiative designed to help young people understand and develop the skills they will need for sixth form, college, university and finally the world of work. The event featured stimulating interactiveworkshops, motivational talks, and over 50 professional volunteers giving careers insights.



For the last 3 years Spiral Skills and Evelyn Grace Academy have run this programme, which aspires to develop young people's awareness of essential life skills, build their confidence and self-esteem, and connect them to inspiring professionals who can help to inform their decision making. It seemed that despite the challenges this year our returners really deserved a positive start to focus them on their GCSEs and it was a great success!



Inclusion at Ark EGA

For a second year running Ark Evelyn Grace Academy has been awarded flagship status for the Inclusion Quality Mark. The assessor commented on our excellent inclusion practice, stating our award was "well deserved".

Inclusion is at the heart of Evelyn Grace Academy, we provide our students with a range of support catered to their individual needs. From our therapy dog Percy and Horse therapy sessions for children with social and emotional needs to our targeted literacy and numeracy interventions, EGA provides its students with all the support they need to secure good life

chances. Working creatively to ensure any barriers to learning are overcome in a caring and thoughtful manner.

In addition to the work we do at the academy, we also support Lambeth Local Authority in securing good feedback from Ofsted and, most recently all of our EHCP Year 11 students secured a place at a suitable college or post sixteen provider, this being further proof that with the right support all our students can succeed and live fulfilling lives.

"I am immensely proud of securing this award for the second year running. It is testament to the excellent work of Claire and her team. We do many things very well at Evelyn Grace, but the support we offer for our vulnerable students and those with additional needs is second to none" - **Mr Tim Dainty, Principal**

"We are very pleased to have secured the IQM flagship status for the second year running. Evelyn Grace Academy is committed to providing the conditions and opportunities to enable any child with SEN to be included fully in all aspects of school life. Our vision is for all students to be respected and seen to have potential for improvement. Through effective teaching and learning, support and encouragement and working closely with parents and carers we can enable the fulfilment of each child's potential, preparing them for life as successful, independent members of their community.

All student's additional needs are catered for in every lesson, every day. Inclusion is part of the fabric of our school. I am proud to say that this vision is becoming a reality." - **Ms Claire Walley, Head of Inclusion and Safeguarding at Ark Evelyn Grace Academy**

