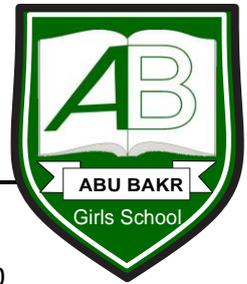


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School Closure Briefing 1

Dear Parents,

Assalamualaikum.

I do hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones in the best of health and imaan and that you are coping and managing in what are very challenging circumstances. I wanted to reach out to say a huge thank you for the support you have shown in this rather unprecedented situation. The current state of affairs is not one that we could have predicted or planned for, but the response from students, parents and staff as we adapt to the changes and challenges has been fantastic.

Our Distance Learning Provision seems to be, for the most part, a definite success. I know one or two families have struggled with some of the technology but I think that most glitches have been sorted satisfactorily. Please continue working with us in this way; we want our children to continue making progress despite the slightly unconventional school regime at the moment.

Please be assured that, despite the extraordinary situation in which we find ourselves, staff and management at the school are making every effort to continue to provide as much support to students and families as we possibly can throughout this period.

- **Year 11 GCSE results:** the government has advised that Year 11 students will be awarded their certificates in the normal way and within the normal time-frame. However, their grades for each subject will be based on analysis of previous attainment, existing school data such as the results of assessments and mock exams and teacher assessments and forecasts. We are awaiting greater clarity regarding the evidence and data that we will need to provide for each student. We expect to receive further information and clarification from the department for education in the near future and we will be in contact with families as soon as we receive that information.
- **Year 9 options/guided choices process:** The process to enable year 9 students to make their choices for Key Stage 4 optional subjects will be concluded well before the end of the year. All parents should have received their options booklet and options form at the Guided Choices Evening. However if you did not receive your copy, or indeed have mislaid it, both the information booklet and the form can be accessed from the year 9 folder on the shared drive. If you have not yet returned your completed choices form, please hold on to it until school reopens or we until we send you further instructions on how to return it. This is NOT a first come first served process and please be assured that no final decisions will be made by the school until ALL forms have been collected in.

- **Reports:** Teachers have been working from home to ensure that assessment results are collated and annual reports completed. Parents can expect to receive their children’s reports, either by post or by email in the near future.
- **School reopening:** We are expecting a review of the current school closure position by the government by the end of April. We will then be in a better position to make further decisions about our provision based on government advice.
- **Fees:** It is imperative that parents continue to pay their fees and thus contribute towards the cost of maintaining the school, staff and educational provision during these difficult times. Too many institutions are having to close indefinitely due to financial pressures. With your support, we will ensure that Abu Bakr Girls School continues to *“provide an inspirational education for girls within a safe, secure and supportive Islamic environment.”* IA.

Please continue to check our website and social media pages for our most up-to-date information and guidance - we will continue to update these as information becomes available.

In the meantime, I hope that you are all staying safe and well and following government advice and practicing social distancing. We will get through this together.

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“Surely we will test you with a bit of fear and hunger, and loss in wealth and lives and fruits, and give good tidings to the patient.” (Al-Baqara : 155)

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