



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

Snow finally made an appearance this academic year, though, thankfully not enough of it to disrupt the school day. Given that forecasts were deteriorating throughout the day, we did decide to postpone the Year 12 information event on Wednesday evening and the Sixth Form team sent out information by email.

### **National Strike Action by the NEU – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Two further days of national strike action have been announced by the NEU next week on Wednesday and Thursday. This is a national dispute between the government and the NEU to address teacher pay and funding for the school system.

We anticipate a similar number of teachers to strike next week as have done so in the previous two days and therefore we will have to prioritise Year 11 again.

### **On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March students in only Years 11, 12 and 13 must attend school with Years 7-10 remaining at home.**

**Years 11-13:** students have their lessons as usual if their teacher is in school. If any of their teachers are striking then Year 11 students will be supervised to complete independent revision while Sixth Formers will have an independent study period. Students should come to school with revision materials so that they are able to work independently if required.

**Years 7-10:** the students will remain at home. They will be offered live lessons via Teams if their teacher is not striking. As staff are not required to tell us if they are striking, students will need to log on at the start of each lesson. If they do not have a lesson, students should complete any outstanding homework or read.

For all pupils in receipt of free school meals, they will be able to collect a food parcel (with provisions for Wednesday and Thursday) after school on Tuesday from the canteen.

I appreciate that strike action causes disruption to families and I really do appreciate your support. I know my colleagues and I know that they do not take this action lightly and that they do so because they believe in their cause.

### **Easter Revisions Sessions for Years 11 and 13**

This Easter we will be offering additional revision sessions for Years 11 and 13. A full programme will be published in due course, Mrs Panesar will be in touch with Year 11 parents and Mr Whitehouse with Year 13 parents. We would encourage students to take up this opportunity as much as possible.



## PTA Update

A reminder that the **PTA Quiz Night** will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the hall. Tickets are £5 an adult and £2.50 per child for teams of up to 8. Tickets can be purchased via this [link](#).

## Year 7 and 8 Spring Concert

Following on from the excellent senior concert last half-term, the younger students Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm in the hall. Tickets can be purchased via Scopay (adults are £5 and child/concession tickets are £3).

## Final Day of Term

Advanced warning that the term will end at 12.20pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. School transport bus services have been rearranged for this time; students who travel by other means will need to make their own arrangements to travel home.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

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