



24 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this finds you well.

Industrial action 2nd March

I wanted to update you on how we will manage the industrial action day on 2nd March 2023. You will recall that I wrote to you before half term to explain that we would most likely be in a position where we would only have year 7, vulnerable children and children of key workers in school. This is indeed the case for Thursday 2nd March. The reason for this decision is due to the number of colleagues that we are expecting to be absent as they exercise their right to take industrial action. Year 7 should attend school as usual and make their way to the Main Hall when they arrive. They will be directed from there. Other students attending on that day (parents would have had separate contact from Miss Barker or Mrs Payne about this) should make their way to A01 when they arrive. Students attending school should bring their knowledge organisers with them along with their reading book as these will be used if their teacher is not in school due to industrial action.

Students working at home will be provided with independent study tasks. The tasks will be posted on Teams. Teachers taking industrial action will not be setting work. In these cases, students are expected to make a sensible decision about what to work on. This might be; reading their reading book, learning key facts from their knowledge organisers, using material previously posted on Teams to prepare for assessments or maybe using one of the online learning platforms to embed their knowledge.

Parents' evenings

We have 2 year groups of parents' evenings coming up.



Year 12 on the 2nd and 9th of March and then year 8 on the 23rd and 30th March.

We will email parents separately about the arrangement for these evenings, so please do look out for the email so that you can book your slot. Our intention is that every parent who would like an appointment is able to get one and I encourage all parents to make appointments for all subjects. Parents evenings are run online.

BYSB Journal cover competition

Each year we run a competition for students to design the front cover of our *Be your best self* journal. This year, the competition was won by Hannah T in 7K, please take a look at the [website article](#) to see the new design.

LGBTQ speeches

As part of our LGBTQ History month, a number of students will be giving speeches relating to LGBTQ at lunchtime on 28th February in the library. The speeches have been written by the students and the whole event is being run by our debating lead student, Eleanor, in year 12. All students interested in listening to the speeches are encouraged to attend.

World Scout Jamboree and Founder's day

We celebrated Scout/Guides Founder's day on 22nd February and it was a huge success. I thought you would be interested to know that three of our students have been invited to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, and one of our students is taking part in a Guiding international visit to Switzerland. To attend these events is a huge honour as the young people will be representing the UK. We are incredibly proud of Jess, Rose, Clara and Frankie for their hard work and achievement.

To help them with their fundraising, we will be selling 'Camp Doughnuts' on Friday 3rd March at lunchtime. Students can go to the Food Tech room to try one of our camp delicacies and help support our young people.

Sparx maths

Years 7 to 10 have been introduced to Sparx maths this week. As a reminder, all maths homework will now be set on the Sparx learning platform. Your child can show you what the platform looks like and the progress they have already made. Sparx

homework is set weekly and is due in no later than 8am every Wednesday. Students who work hard at the homework will perform at a higher level in their assessments. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to do their best each week on Sparx.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Simon Underdown.
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