



28 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Industrial action update

On Tuesday 2nd May, the NEU is calling a day of industrial action. The school will be **open to year 7, 11 and 13 as well as year 12 students who have mock examinations**. We are also open to our vulnerable students and the children of key workers. The day timings for students in school will be as normal.

All other year groups will study from home. Teachers not taking industrial action will set work to be completed for those students studying from home. Students will find this work in their Teams channel or via an assignment in Teams.

Year 7 students should head to the gym when they arrive in school on Tuesday and stay there for registration.

Year 11 students should head to the Newman Hall when they arrive in school on Tuesday and stay there for registration.

Yr12 and 13 students should head to the sixth form study centre when they arrive in school and stay there for registration.

Year 11 and 13 students should bring revision materials with them to school on Tuesday so that they can do something meaningful if their teacher is not in. **Year 7 students** should bring their reading book with them on Tuesday so that they have something to do if their teacher is not in.

Any vulnerable children or children of key workers who are not in years 7, 11, 12 or 13 should head to A01 when they arrive in school and stay there for registration.

New appointments

I am delighted to announce that Mr David Britz-Colwill has been appointed as our new Assistant Headteacher for Thinking Teaching and learning and Miss Tess Taylor has been appointed as our new online safety lead.

Year 10

Thank you to the parents of our year 10 students who joined us for the year 10 revision evening on Wednesday of this week. Staff found it very helpful to meet with parents

to discuss the strategies we are using with our students to help them prepare for their end of year assessments. These assessments are an important part of the GCSE journey and will help to inform teachers, students and parents about the progress that is being made and where future improvements might be necessary. Students are rightly taking these assessments seriously and are viewing them as advance preparation for the full year 11 mock examinations which take place in November/December 2023. The year 10 parents evenings are online and will run on Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th May. Booking information is sent out separately to this letter.

Thinking, teaching and learning bulletin issue 5

In order to help parents and carers have a clearer idea of how we use thinking in lessons and how we encourage students to use thinking for their independent study, we have posted on our website some useful guides on all the thinking tools. This [LINK](#) will take you the most recent bulletin for parents designed to share and explain how we use feedback to support students and enable them to make progress. I hope you find this edition interesting and insightful.

Bank holidays

A reminder that we have bank holiday Monday on 1st May and a bank holiday to commemorate the King's Coronation on Monday 8th May. School is shut for these two days.

Very best wishes,



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