

28 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Industrial Action - Year 10 and 11 Arrangements on Thursday 2nd March 2023

Following on from our letter last week, I am writing to inform you about details of the school day for students in Years 10 and 11.

Year 10

Year 10 is an important time for our students, and as such we would like students to replicate their timetable from a normal Thursday Week 1 at home by using the following resources. The purpose of this is to consolidate understanding in GCSE courses so far and to support students to work on their revision across a range of platforms. We have had positive conversations with students who accessed these high quality resources previously.

Oak Academy: Continuity lessons

This resource has access to recorded lessons and links from Art, English, History, Geography, and Science. These high quality resources provide clips from subject specialists across each unit of the GCSE.

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

The National Academy

Particularly good resources from the National Academy include Maths, French, Spanish and Religious Studies.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4>

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize is helpful for student to revise and to review their learning with clips, notes and links to other resources for revision. This resource requires a higher level of independence to navigate and to explore key themes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

Google Classroom

Please also make use of lessons already uploaded to Google Classroom as part of our school approach to blended learning. Students will have access to previous materials and may want to revisit their learning from previous lessons that they do not yet feel secure in. Additionally, many subjects may have examination style questions to attempt.

<https://classroom.google.com/>

Year 11

Year 11 Mock Examinations are ongoing and we want to ensure continuity for our students during this period. Therefore examinations remain compulsory, the Computer Science examination will run at 9:00am for 1 hour 30 minutes, and French and Spanish writing examinations will begin at 11:30am for 1 hour 20 minutes.

We are delighted that there will be the opportunity for students to come into school and spend time with teaching staff to complete coursework or develop their portfolios in many subject areas. Drama, Music Performance, Music Technology, Business Studies, and Digital Information Technology will all be supporting students onsite throughout the day. Sports Studies will be available for students in Year 11 from 11:30-13:30. Students can work in these departments when they do not have an examination.

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Alternatively, if students do not have an examination, or study any of the subjects listed above, they should engage with Google Classroom revision materials, prepare for examinations or revise content from Year 10 by using the links above.

If you have any queries about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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