

27th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Update: Proposed Strike Action – Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Further to our communication last week we have now been able to update our risk assessment for Tuesday and want to give as much notice as possible to parents that we will again be forced to implement a partial closure.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

- **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will remain at home** to complete remote learning.
- We will be providing a small provision for our **vulnerable learners** on site where they will be supported to access the resources available to all learners described below.
- Please complete this Google Form by noon on Friday 28th April to request a place in this provision <https://forms.gle/widkSiWTsVvLQQzB7>.

Year 11

- We will be open to **Year 11** pupils. **Year 11 will be required to attend school**, in full uniform, period 2 - 5.
- Pupils should arrive in school for the start of lesson 2 (09:55) and will be finishing at the end of period 5 (15:10).
- A small number of pupils are completing practical exams, these will continue as normal.
- Year 11 pupils will attend normal lessons where possible, following their usual timetable. Where teachers are not available, they will be able to complete revision activities under the supervision of other colleagues in a centrally staffed location.

Sixth Form

- We will be open to **Upper Sixth** students who will attend normal lessons where possible, period 1-5 following their usual timetable. Where teachers are not available, they will be able to complete private study in the sixth form study spaces. Food is available, students will need to access this from the canteen.
- **Lower Sixth** students should remain at home to complete work independently.
- A small number of pupils are completing practical exams, these will continue as normal.

Footlights will be open for all pupils and students on site throughout the day as usual. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will be emailing out a voucher to eligible parents of pupils for those year groups who will not be in school.

We understand this is likely to cause significant disruption to families, but we hope that by providing you with advance notice of arrangements, we will be able to minimise the inevitable impact this industrial action is likely to have.

These decisions are particularly difficult and we are pleased to be able to open to some of our learners. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and students and feel that we would be unable to provide this if we remained fully open with the staff we are likely to have available.

We recognise the disruption to you and your child's education this may cause and thank you for your

understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Remote Learning Guidance for pupils in Years 7-10

Years 7, 8 & 9

Knowledge Organiser revision

Knowledge Organisers are a great resource for revision and practice. You can use any knowledge Organisers that you have to revise your knowledge and identify areas for further practice. Take a section of a knowledge Organiser, read it through, cover it up and see if you can recall this knowledge.

Individual Google Classrooms

Please use your own online classroom space to catch up on any lessons missed and use the resources to revise recent learning.

OAK National Academy

You can use this site to find some lessons linked to your current learning in each subject. Some lessons that would be supportive are

English

- [Introduction to Poetry](#)
- [Epic Poetry](#)
- [Past simple tense, subordinate clauses, punctuating conjunctions and lists](#)
- [Language Skills - Non-Fiction - Reading](#)
- [Fiction: Reading and descriptive writing](#)

[Maths](#). Select any topics you would like to practice or improve

Science

- [Cells](#)
- [Atoms and the Periodic Table](#)
- [Energy](#)

PSHRE

- [Respectful relationships: Respect and friendship](#)
- [Internet safety and harms: Reality vs the online world](#)

Learning apps

All pupils will have login details to the following learning apps to support revision and practice;

- Sparx Maths
- Bedrock
- LanguageNut

Year 10

OAK National Academy

You can use this site to find some lessons linked to your current learning in each subject. Some lessons that would be supportive are;

Biology

- [Cell Biology](#)

Chemistry

- [Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table](#)

[Maths](#) Select any topics you would like to practice or improve

Individual Google Classrooms

Please use your own online classroom space to catch up on any lessons missed and use the resources to revise recent learning.

Learning apps

All pupils will have login details to the following learning apps to support revision and practice;

- GCSEPod
- KayScience

CareerPilot <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>

Learners can use this site to research different careers and the routes into them. There are assessment tools to identify your strengths and careers that will make good use of these.