

Headteachers' Blog

Monday 13th March 2023 – Friday 17th March 2023



Unless the government and the National Education Union come to an agreement over pay and school funding before Wednesday, the planned strike action will mean that I will have to close the school to all bar Year 11 on both days. For students in receipt of Free School Meals, we can access vouchers that will be emailed out tomorrow, this will be for the value of £10. This does mean that your Easter allowance will be reduced by £4 as the allowance is £3 per day.

For Year 11, Wednesday and Thursday will be non-uniform days.

	Wednesday	Thursday
Tutor Period	Tutor rooms	Tutor Rooms
Pd 1	Science	Maths
Pd 2	Maths	Normal Option Subjects from PD 5 Option A
Pd 3	Revision Activities	Science
Pd 4	Science	Revision Activities

Please note that on Thursday period 2, the lessons that will be taking place are the Option A subjects that usually take place on a Thursday, Period 5. We have moved these forward in the day so that students can finish their day at the end of period 4.

Clarification on lunch - a wider range of options are available for staff and students at break, including pizza, croissants, pain au chocolate, baguettes, pasta, popcorn chicken and lettuce wraps. No lunches are being served. For Year 11 Free School Meal students packed lunches will be available.

Once again, my apologies for the disruption caused to families.

Matilda!

On a far more positive note, I cannot wait to watch the school production of Matilda! This week. I have seen glimpses of the rehearsals and I know that not only is this the first production we have been able to run for some years now, but also this is the biggest production, with great direction, outstanding acting and singing, and a cast bursting with talent and confidence.

Appointments with Staff

Please can I ask that appointments are made with staff, as just turning up at reception and expecting to see one of us is most likely going to result in a long wait. If teachers have classes they cannot leave them, and pastoral staff may already have booked appointments throughout a day – so to avoid disappointment, please book an appointment.

Food

I was fortunate to be one of the staff who taste tested the GCSE work from Year 11 Food students this week. With dishes such as vegan ice cream, fruit tartlets, Thai parcels, bolognaise, soups and chocolate brownies, the choice was wonderful, and the quality of execution superb. Great work from those students.

PE

The government announced last week new targets for schools to give access to girls to more football – so I am delighted to see that in our PE newsletter that not only are we offering football to girls, but also basketball, cricket and rugby too. In fact, the diet for all students remains varied and challenging, and we continue to compete well in local competitions. I and the students are lucky to have such hard working and dedicated PE staff.

Have a great week everyone

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