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23 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Strike Days – advance warning**

We have been notified that Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July the NEU have called another strike and therefore the school is not able to open as usual. We have looked at the timetable and we are only able to open for priority provision on these days. The Year 10 Geography Field Trip will still go ahead.

You may also know that all four teaching unions are currently voting on whether to take strike action in the Autumn Term. The ballot closes at the end of July so I will communicate further with you about if and when the strikes will be.

### **Eid Celebrations**

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Eid next week, if you are planning your child to be absent from school, please use this form to apply for exceptional leave of absence. [Click here](#). The DfE guidance allows 2 days a year for religious observance, any additional time will be unauthorised please keep this in mind if you have already taken time earlier in the year.

### **Classcharts**

Classcharts is an important tool for us to be able to communicate important messages to you, not only relating to your child's behaviour but important whole school messages. If you do not have access to classcharts please contact your child's Head of Year to ask for a code and details of how to log on.

### **Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams**

The week ahead provides an exciting opportunity for our students to prepare for their GCSE and A-level exams. Whilst these final external exams may feel a long way off, we know from experience that the more formal we make this practice the less anxiety the students will feel next year and the more successful they will be.

The year 10 students have never experienced the formal exam hall setting before, and therefore we have talked them through the expectations regarding the rules and regulations in operation in this room, during assembly this week.

Students know that they must be fully prepared with the correct equipment on Monday morning. If you could take some time to talk to your child about the expectations, it would really help them to manage any worries they might have and to prepare for the challenging week ahead. Everything you need to know can be found in the Exams section of our website.

### **Uniform**

From Monday 26 June all students will need to wear their blazers again as the temperature has dropped. Please can you also ensure that your child is wearing shoes, not trainers and that if they are wearing a skirt then it is of a formal length. Skirt length will be checked during assembly this week and if your

child's skirt is not long enough then they will be asked to borrow one from school or if this is not possible they will need go home and change – we will contact you if this is the case for your child. We have talked to students about why we have a formal uniform and why it is important to learn to follow a dress code.

***Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 26 June***

Year 7 & 8 reading tests

Year 10 exams

Year 12 exams

**Monday**

Year 10 Geography field trip – Headingley

**Tuesday**

Extra transition morning, 9am-12pm

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

Year 10 trip to The Wardrobe / Leeds Conservatoire

**Friday**

Year 11 Prom, Headingley Stadium

Thank you again for your ongoing support, it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher