

# Be Your Best Self



Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Dear parents, carers and students,

## Strike action by members of the National Education Union (NEU)

Further to my message via *Class Charts* yesterday, I am writing to give final details about the arrangements for the second day of national industrial action in school on Tuesday 28th February 2023. As this national strike day now seems likely to take place, the arrangements are as follows:

<b>Year 7 - 10 inclusive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● School closed.</li><li>● See page 3 for details of the learning activities Year 7-10 can complete at home on Tuesday 28th February 2023..</li></ul>
<b>Year 11</b> Attendance on this day for the two core subject mock examinations in English Language and Mathematics is crucial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● School is open.</li><li>● <b>Non-uniform day (non-contributory).</b></li><li>● Mock examinations will take place as per <a href="#">Year 11 mock timetable</a>.</li><li>● Students bring all the equipment they require for their exams along with [fully-charged] Chromebooks and revision materials.</li><li>● At 08.35, students go to form rooms for registration. Once registered, students will be directed to the examination venues for the English Language mock exam.</li><li>● School buses will run as normal.</li><li>● School catering as normal.</li></ul>
<b>Year 12 &amp; 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● School is open.</li><li>● At 08.35, students go to S1 for registration, then go to their lesson 2.</li><li>● School buses will run as normal.</li><li>● School catering as normal.</li><li>● Most consortium lessons at Sherburn High School should take place.</li></ul>

The families of students in Year 7 - 10 who we are aware are most vulnerable on this day will be contacted individually to discuss arrangements.

Members of the NEU have the right to establish a picket line outside the school, but cannot prevent or hinder people from crossing this. To date, I have had no indication whether this will take place at school. Please be assured that parents' and students' entrance to and exit from school will be unhindered by striking members of the NEU if they choose to exercise their right to picket outside school.

Separate arrangements for the strike days planned for March 2023 (below) will be communicated individually:

- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March: All schools in England and Wales.

Thank you again for your understanding and forbearance.

Kind regards,

**Andrew Parkinson**  
**Headteacher**

## Details of the learning activities Year 7-10 can complete on Tuesday 28th February 2023

**Please check all your Google Classrooms for work which may have been set by your normal teachers.**

### Mathematics

Students can complete any of the exercises from [Hegarty Maths](#). It would be useful to recap any topics they are currently studying in Phase 2.

Information about the topics they are currently studying can be found on the Maths@TGS website linked [here](#).

### Science

Students can recap topics they are currently studying or extend their learning into new topics. The Oak Learning Academy lessons are excellent resources for doing this (linked [here](#)).

Lessons for **Art, History, Geography and English (Yr10)** are also available from Oak Academy using the same website link.

### English

Students can read their private reading book. **Any students who wish to choose or renew their reading book are invited to go to the ILC during breaks or lunchtimes to choose one.**

Year 10 students may wish to re-read 'An Inspector Calls' (see also BBC Bitesize revision for this [text](#)), or 'Macbeth' (see also BBC Bitesize Revision for this [text](#)).

### Personal Development

As part of our '5 Ways To Wellbeing' (Keep Learning, Giving, Taking Notice, Connecting and Being Active) students can try some of the following rewarding activities:

- Personal Development Day - 5 Ways to Wellbeing

### Notice for students in Years 7 - 10 - See plan on page 4

It would be useful if you could make your own plan for learning activities for Tuesday 28th February 2023. Work for 40 minutes, then 20 minutes break. **See page 4.** Perhaps show **RESPONSIBILITY** by:

Helping prepare a meal (supervised).	Tidying your room.
Emptying the bins around the house.	<a href="#">Load/unload the dishwasher</a> and/or <a href="#">wash up</a> .
Vacuuming part/all of your house (not the stairs).	Emailing or phoning a relative

## MY PLAN FOR TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2023

Time	Learning Activity (see page 3)	Completed: YES/NO?
1st 40-minute block of work		
1st 20-minute break	<i>My reward:</i>	
2nd 40-minute block of work		
2nd 20-minute break	<i>My reward:</i>	
3rd 40-minute block of work		
3rd 20-minute break	<i>My reward:</i>	
4th 40-minute block of work		
4th 20-minute break	<i>My reward:</i>	
5th 40-minute block of work		

Put your mobile phone on silent and hide it in another room whilst working.

Put your XBox/PlayStation controllers/TV remotes in a kitchen cupboard whilst working.