Be Your Best Self

Wednesday 8th March 2023



Dear parents, carers and students,

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

Further to my message to you on Friday 3rd March 2023, it now seems certain that the planned industrial action by teacher members of the National Education Union will take place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023 in all schools in England and Wales. As such, I am writing to give final details about the arrangements for these days.

Year 7 - 10 inclusive	 School closed. Please see page 3 for details of the learning activities Year 7-10 can complete at home.
Year 11	 School is open. Non-uniform days (non-contributory). Students bring all the equipment they require for their lessons along with [fully-charged] Chromebooks. At 08.35, students go to form rooms for registration. School buses will run as normal. School catering as normal.
Year 12 & 13	 School is open. At 08.35, students go to S1 for registration, then go to their lesson 2. School buses will run as normal. School catering as normal. Most consortium lessons at Sherburn High School should take place.

The families of students in Year 7 - 10 who we are aware are most vulnerable on these days 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.

Thank you again for your understanding and forbearance.

Kind regards,

Andrew Parkinson Headteacher

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 <u>Hegarty Maths</u> or <u>Sparx Maths</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>).

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 <u>text</u>), or 'Macbeth' (see also BBC Bitesize Revision for this <u>text</u>).

Personal Development

As part of our SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural) curriculum, this week we are celebrating **British Science Week 2023 (10th -19th March**): a 10 day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.

Students can develop their knowledge of STEM related careers Smashing Stereotypes - British Science Week

Enter the British Science Week poster competition: <u>Poster competition - British Science Week</u>

Or complete one of the many challenges in the activity pack: <u>Secondary Activity Pack 2023 British Science Week</u>

Notice for students in Years 7 - 10 - See plans on pages 5 & 6

It would be useful if you could make your own plan for learning activities for the two days.

Work for 40 minutes, then 20 minutes break. Perhaps show **RESPONSIBILITY** by:

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

MY PLAN FOR WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023

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

MY PLAN FOR THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

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

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