

19th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Teaching Strike

You may be aware from media coverage that The National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates.

- 1st February
- 1st March
- 15th March
- 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I wanted to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the above dates. It is our intention to be open on the strike days, however we have a large number of staff who are part of the NEU who are not obliged to tell the school whether they will be striking or not, therefore, we may not know who will be on site until the day of the strike.

As we are currently unsure as to the actions we may have to take, we wanted to make you aware of the situation as early as we can. Please be aware that all schools will be affected by this differently and therefore another local school's response may be different from our own.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Parent Forum

We are pleased to announce the first Parent Forum date and topic for 2023. On Wednesday 22nd February 7-8pm there will be an opportunity for parents to hear about our careers education programme, which has recently been significantly expanded. This session is relevant to parents of all year groups as our programme is delivered from Year 7-13. There will also be a focus on giving you as parents the tools and information to support your child with their developing aspirations and choices along the way.

If you would like to attend please complete this booking form and we will look forward to seeing you <https://forms.gle/hKMGkkDji1YBhJ8W7>. Further Parent Forum dates and topics will be announced shortly.

Year 10 revision support

Even though the Year 10 exams are months away, students have started a series of revision sessions in preparation. The areas that will be covered include:

- Revision: How to get started and motivated
- Timetable & planning
- Revision techniques

- Memory top tips
- Study self-care; balancing study and life
- Exam etiquette

The aim of these sessions is to provide students with lots of tips and suggestions on how to revise effectively, boost their confidence when doing revision and to help make the most of their revision time. Small improvements in all areas of revision activity will ultimately lead to an improvement in grades and reduce exam stress and anxiety. Your support and encouragement will play a huge role in helping your son establish and maintain their motivation. BBC Bitesize provides a Parent's Toolkit with helpful advice (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmy692p>). In September, you will receive a 'GCSE Revision: How Parents Can Help!' booklet.

Football

County Cup fixtures

Recent results have seen majority of year groups make it through to the quarter final stage of the County Cup.

Year 7A beat St Michael's 6-0

Year 7B beat Dame Alice 7-0

Year 10 beat Knights Templar 7-6 on penalties (3-3 aet)

Year 11 beat Queens 3-0

1st XI beat Marlborough 6-0

Full draws can be found here: <https://www.hertsschoolsfa.co.uk/competitions>

National Cup fixtures

The Year 11B team put in a fantastic performance to beat Shenfield last Friday night to reach the last 32 of the National Cup. Game finished 1-1 after extra time. Hale eventually won after an incredible 22 penalties.

Updated draws for both the U16A and B team can be found here: <http://www.esfa.co.uk/competitions/>

Saturday football

Saturday fixtures started last weekend against St Edmunds. The conditions were exceptionally wet and windy but that didn't stop the fun and quality on show from both teams.

Year 7 - 2 teams: Won 10-1, Lost 7-3

Year 8 - 2 teams: Lost both 3-2

Year 10 - Lost 3-2

This Saturday sees the yearly local derby against Simon Balle.

Year 7, 8 and 9 are away at Simon Balle

Year 10 are at home on the 3G

Please check Twitter @rhs_pe https://twitter.com/rhs_pe or Google Classroom for updates regarding the weather.

All players involved should meet in full games kit at their respective venues at 8.30am. Games to all kick off at 9.00am

Student News

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have all received football scholarships. All students have worked exceptionally hard and we wish them all the best along their journey with their respective clubs.

Samuel Archer - Tottenham

Albie O'Keefe - Stevenage

Ellis Bates - Stevenage

Oliver Reeve - Stevenage

Danny Tyler - Cambridge

Ian Hawkins

Headteacher

January 2023 Calendar

Monday 23 rd	Year 12 Mid-terms week
Tuesday 24 th	Junior Ski - Gosling
Wednesday 25 th	Flu vaccination follow up – years 7/8/9
Friday 27 th	Holocaust Memorial Day
Saturday 28 th	Burns Night

February 2023 Calendar

Wednesday 1 st	Intermediate Maths Challenge School Production
Thursday 2 nd	School Production
Friday 3 rd	Physics trip to Belgium to 5 th
Tuesday 7 th	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th	French Exchange Parents evening
Friday 10 th	Non Uniform Day School finishes at 12.30 Junior Ski Trip to Italy, returns 18 th Senior Ski Trip to Austria, returns 18 th
Monday 20th	Inset Day – School Closed
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Forum – Careers Education Programme
Thursday 23 rd	Year 13 Parents' Evening Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical
Monday 27 th	Year 9 Immunisations Year 11 MFL mock writing exams
Tuesday 28 th	Year 11 MFL mock writing exams

March 2023 Calendar

Wednesday 1 st	Year 11 MFL mock writing exams to the 3 rd
Friday 3 rd	Year 11 and 13 Photographs
Monday 6 th	GCSE Food Tech practicals to the 9 th
Wednesday 8 th	Year 12 Parents Evening
Saturday 11 th	Bronze DofE Training Day
Monday 13 th	Year 9/10 French Exchange to RHS to the 20 th
Thursday 16 th	House Music
Thursday 23 rd	Year 11 Revision Workshops
Friday 24 th	Year 11 English Exam Year 9/10 German Exchange to RHS to 31 st RHS Annual Dinner
Sunday 26 th	Bronze DofE Navigation Practice
Monday 27 th	Year 8 Exams to the 30 th
Tuesday 28 th	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 31 st	Intermediate Ski Trip departs to the 8 th April Non Uniform Day Normal School Finish at 3.20pm

April 2023 Calendar

Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th	Easter Break
Monday 17 th	Summer Term begins A Level Mock MFL Exams Year 10 Exams week

Weeks

Monday 16 th Jan	Week 1
Monday 23 rd Jan	Week 2
Monday 30 th Jan	Week 1
Monday 6 th Feb	Week 2
Monday 13 th Feb	Half Term Week
Tuesday 21 st Feb	Week 1
Monday 27 th Feb	Week 2
Monday 6 th March	Week 1
Monday 13 th March	Week 2
Monday 20 th March	Week 1
Monday 27 th March	Week 2
Monday 3 rd April	Easter Break
Monday 10 th April	Easter Break
Monday 17 th April	Week 1

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