

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support on Wednesday as NEU colleagues staged a further day of industrial action. Further dates are currently planned for the 15th and 16th of March, and I will write to you again next week with schedules for these days.

The options process for Year 9 accelerates next week, with an assembly on Wednesday followed by our parent and carer information session next Thursday from 5-6pm. Students will begin the process of selecting their four option subjects, which they will begin to study when our timetable rolls over at the end of June. I look forward to seeing you all next week to start the Key Stage 4 journey.

You'll know that as a school we value constructive feedback from parents and carers. Many of you have made contact with me over the past few weeks regarding our second round of parent evenings that will be carried out during the Spring and Summer terms. Based on your feedback, these will now be face to face events held at the school from 4-7 pm. We have had to change the date of the Year 7 evening, so thought it would be useful to confirm dates for all year groups with you now:

Year 11: Thursday 30th March Year 10: Thursday 4th May Year 9: Thursday 27th April Year 8: Thursday 20th April Year 7: Thursday 11th May

Please save these dates in your diaries!

Finally this week, I'd like to thank Mr Wayman, Mr Gurney and Miss Saunders for overseeing our trip to Italy which featured a snowy Mount Vesuvius. Another thank you to Miss Abbott for organising our World Book Day activities and taking assemblies.

With best wishes for the weekend!

Mr Dan Bagshaw Head of School