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Dear Parents and Carers

Assemblies this week have focused on cyberbullying and the impact it can have. I spoke with students about how isolated others can feel when they have been subjected to bullying, and that this ultimately effects learning. If you would like to find out more about cyberbullying, and things you can do at home to offer help and support you can look [online here](#) - my key message to any student who finds themselves subject to any form of cyberbullying is to report it. Screenshots of any messages or images are helpful here, and allow action to be taken to put a stop to this harmful behaviour.

We have been busy putting the finishing touches to our timetable ready for our annual rollover on Monday 3rd July. At this point, all students effectively move up a year, and start their September timetables early. This means that students in Year 9 begin their option subjects, and all students will become familiar with their teachers and classes before the summer break. Students currently in Year 10 will begin their mock exams during that week, and these are an important step in their journey through Key Stage 4. Mock timetables have been sent home, and students should spending time revising, using this timetable as a guide to prioritise subjects.

You may have seen on the news that further industrial action is planned for that week of term too, with strikes scheduled for the Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. On these dates, the school will be closed to students apart from those in current Year 10 who will be taking mock exams. The exams are science on Wednesday and maths on Friday. Students should arrive in school at the normal time in the morning on these dates. After the exams students will be able to leave site, or can stay at school if they want to revise further.

As with previous strike days, we encourage students in other year groups to use online resources to support their learning, such as those from the Oak National Academy, Tassomai or Seneca.

Again, the planned action in July is a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not specifically Pakefield High School. It is important however that we respond accordingly in the interests of our students whilst respecting the rights of our staff.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we can and in this eventuality the school will be open as usual to all students.

Best wishes

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