



Parent Bulletin Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The snow on Wednesday provided for some beautiful moments around the school site (before it melted) and took us all by surprise – as did the cold all day! I'm pleased to see the weather has been improving since. We had students on a range of trips this week including Year 10 and 12 Historians to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth, Year 13 Law students to the Houses of Parliament, a Year 13 Art trip to Beechwood, Year 10 girls Women's History Month trip and the Move It Dance trip to the Excel Arena today. I'm pleased with the great variety this week and how well students have engaged with them. We also won the Magistrates' Award at a weekend debating competition last week. As always, I am grateful to the staff who have made this all possible. We have also kick-started our focus on the role of women in society with International Women's Day on Wednesday.

Industrial Action – 15th and 16th March

There is another teachers' strike planned for next week which will affect school on Wednesday **and** Thursday. If it goes ahead students in Years 7-10 will need to stay at home once again and teachers will set work on Class Charts (if they are not on strike). Year 11 should come to school as usual. When they do not have lessons they will be working in study rooms preparing for their exams. Students in Years 12 and 13 should initially stay at home. They will be emailed at 8.30am with the details of the lessons that are going ahead that day and then be expected to come into school for them. Any who wish to do so can study in school for the day. As with the last strike there will be some students in Years 7-10 who are invited into school and we will contact their parents directly about that. For all students that are in school on lunch will be free and students who usually have free school meals can come into school for them. Please assume this is the plan unless you hear otherwise from the school. I am sorry that parents are experiencing this disruption and hope you can appreciate this is a dispute with the Government, not the school and so there is nothing I can do about it. My priority here is to ensure as many exam lessons go ahead as possible which clearly applies to Years 11 and 13 first.

I would like to remind you about some forthcoming dates:

- Year 9 Options Evening and Grade Card Home – 23rd March
- Year 9 Options Interviews – 28th March
- Year 12 Parents' Evening and Grade Card – 30th March
- End of Spring Term – 31st March

Finally, we are about to start interviews for Sixth Form places for September 2023 and have students performing Shakespeare next week on Monday at South Hill Park in Bracknell. Good luck to everyone involved in both activities.

Have a good weekend.

Peter Collins
Headteacher



News and Information

Easter & May Holiday Camp Thames Valley Athletics Centre

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If you have any questions please contact sukarja@deleisure.com

This week's Collective Worship reflection is:

Dear God

Thank you for making us all different, allowing us to be unique and giving us opportunities to celebrate these differences. Continue to help us to be nice to each other and help us to respect our differences to live peacefully together.

Amen

I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness (John 10:10)