



## Parent Bulletin Friday 24th February

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday we held a tribute to Subhaan Sadiq, a Year 13 student who sadly passed away over the Christmas holidays. We had over 100 in attendance, along with his family and shared memories and stories about him. We continue to offer our condolences to his friends and family.

We have also had a great trip to Reading University on Tuesday, held a Seniores event on Wednesday and launched International Women's Month which starts next week.

### International Women's Month

This is an important event for our school and an opportunity for students to find out more about inspirational and influential women. Some of our boys' struggle with aspects of equal rights at times and challenging this is important. Please do ask them more about it.

### Teachers' Strike

There is another strike planned for next week which will affect school on Thursday. If it goes ahead students in Years 7-10 will need to stay at home 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 we will be running exam preparation and revision sessions for them. 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 Thursday 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.

### Year 9 Options Evening

Parents of Year 9 students should be aware that we have moved the date for this event and it is now on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We will write separately with more details about that to Year 9 parents.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mr P Collins, Headteacher

### This week's Collective Worship reflection is:

*Dear Lord*

*We pray together that we are brave in our ideas and actions to make change, to take initiative, which improves our world.*

*Changes can be small or grand, they are all important and we ask for your guidance and love in making this possible.*

*Guide us in our thoughts and behaviours to be strong and bold when we know we can make a difference.*

*Amen*

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

