

3 February 2023

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Dear parents/carers and students,

Strike days announced by the NEU (National Education Union) - update

As you will be aware the NEU had a day of action on Wednesday 1st February and have planned three further days of action for Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. At the time of writing we do not know whether these further strike days will go ahead, this will likely depend on the outcomes of the ongoing negotiations between the unions and the government.

The union members' voted to strike in order to highlight a number of important issues including their wish for a fairer pay rise (in line with inflation) to be funded by the government rather than out of existing school budgets. The value of teachers' salaries has fallen over the past decade, resulting in a recruitment and retention crisis in schools. According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, experienced teachers have experienced a 13% real-terms drop in salaries between 2010 and 2022, equivalent to a £6,600 pay cut. The union's members also wish to highlight the impact of the current Ofsted regime on teacher stress, recruitment and retention.

Year 9 Options process

It was great to see so many Year 9 students and their families attending the Options Information Evening yesterday and we hope that this was useful in supporting your child's choices for Key Stage 4 courses. The electronic form for students to select options will be sent to them today and has to be completed by **Thursday 9th February**. If you require any further support in making your choices please contact your form tutor or Mrs Hook in the first instance.

Nose piercings

Over the Christmas break we saw a rise in the number of students coming to school wearing nose piercings. In common with all other local secondary schools we do not allow these in school and students found wearing them will have them confiscated and a detention issued. In the event that they refuse to remove them (or cannot do so) they will be directed to work under supervision away from peers until the matter can be resolved. We want to hold a firm but fair line on this issue and appreciate your continued support with this.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to all of our Year 11 students who have made an excellent start to their second phase of mock exams. The mock exams will run until Friday 10th February and will allow students to gauge their progress to date and identify gaps in their skills and knowledge as they progress towards the final exams. Importantly they will also allow teachers to accurately plan their remaining lessons for maximum impact. Many thanks to parents/carers for your support at home.

Enrichment Trips - please book your place!

We are aware that a few families have not yet completed the registration for the year group Enrichment Trips which take place in July. In order that every child who wants a place can be registered we have extended the deadline to Friday 17th February. If you have not yet completed the registration for your child please click on the appropriate link below to do so.

[Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#) [Year 10](#)

Any students not registered by 17th February will not be able to attend their year group trip.

Welcome to our new parent governors

Following the recent recruitment process the Governing Body is delighted to welcome two new parent governors; Mrs Andie Cankalis and Ms Sam Bridle. We are grateful to them both for volunteering for these important roles and look forward to working with them.

Absences - please ensure that you notify us on the first day of absence

If your child is absent from school it is critical that you inform the school in a timely manner so the reason for the non attendance can be logged accurately on our system. Absences that are not reported to our attendance team, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised. Contact details for the attendance team can be found at the end of this letter.

West Sussex 'Here to help' site

We have been asked to make all of our families aware that West Sussex County Council has set aside some funding this year to support families who are struggling with the **cost of living**. Details of the support available can be found on their website [here](#). Alternatively you can call 0330 222 7980 to speak to someone about what they can offer.

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Key contacts for parents/carers:

Year Group	Year Team Leaders	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7	Miss Pegden	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
Year 8	Mrs Fillery	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311
Year 9	Mrs Hook	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338
Year 10	Mr Smith	ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778382
Year 11	Mr Middleton	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339

Years	Student Support Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
10 & 11	Mrs Cooper (Monday and Tuesday only)	lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389

10 & 11	Miss McCabe	mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778396
10 & 11	Mrs O'Hare	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
7 & 8	Miss Matthews	amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778303
9	Mrs Wilson	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

Year Group	Attendance/ Absence Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7	Mrs Marshall	smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778354
Years 8 & 9	Mrs Silva	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Years 10/11	Mrs Jones	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323

Sixth Form	Mr Kerrison (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Miss Hughes (VI Form manager)	akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778399
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