

20 January 2023

PS146/22-23

Dear parents/carers and students,

### **Strike days announced by the NEU (National Education Union)**

You will no doubt have heard that the NEU announced on Monday that their members have voted in support of a series of strike days across England and Wales. The dates which have been set for this region are:

Wednesday 1st February

Thursday 2nd March

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

**We do not yet know what the impact of these strike days will be.** We are currently working with unions and their members to establish the likely level of impact for students. It is possible that the school will be closed to some or all students on these days, therefore it would be worth all parents/carers considering contingency plans at this stage. I will write to you all with confirmation of the plans as soon as I have the necessary information.

### **Year 9 Options process**

All Y9 parents and students will now have received an electronic version of the KS4 Guide 2023 for you to look at prior to choosing KS4 options in February. The guide, together with an explanatory video and videos from each subject area can be found [here](#) also. Please remember that you have Year 9 Consultation Evening on Wednesday 25th January - you will have received a separate letter about this from Mrs Hook - and an Options Information Evening the date of which has changed to Thursday 2nd February, one day after original planned date, to mitigate for the planned strike. This change of date will mean that the form for students to select options will be also be sent to them a day later on Friday 3rd February and close a day later on Thursday 9th February. We hope all of these events and materials will prove useful to help inform your final decisions over what to study at Key Stage 4.

### **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.

### **All children learning in a MAT by 2030 (the government's White Paper)**

It has been government policy (of Conservative, Labour and coalition) for quite some time that students do best when they are in a school which has close collaboration with others that share their ethos in a multi-academy trust (MAT). Back in 2016 there was a suggestion that it would be compulsory for all maintained schools (like The Angmering School) to join a MAT, but this was subsequently withdrawn. However, the new schools bill has a greater emphasis on this again, with the requirement that all schools are in a MAT by 2030. Whilst this seems like a long way off, we are carrying out early investigations into what this might look like for us. As an Ofsted Good provider we are under no pressure to join a MAT in the short/medium term but would like to know more about the **potential** benefits for your children and our staff.

We will, of course, keep all parents and carers informed about this preliminary work and no decisions will be made without a full consultation process.

### Parent Governor vacancy

The governing body of the school would like to make all parents/carers aware that they are seeking a new parent governor. This is a voluntary position as part of the governing body who support the school by working with the senior leaders to provide strategic direction and critical reflections on the development of the school. Details should now have been sent to all registered parents/carers explaining how interested parents/carers can apply for this position. Nominations close at 9:00 a.m. on 27th January.

### School Year Group Photo Proofs

Y7, Y11 and Sixth Form year group photo proofs are now in school and will be coming home via students. The deadline to order is Tuesday 31 January. All orders are online. The photos will be in school 2-3 weeks after the closing date.

### 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	<a href="mailto:npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk">npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778317
Year 8	Mrs Fillery	<a href="mailto:jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk">jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778311
Year 9	Mrs Hook	<a href="mailto:lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk">lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778338
Year 10	Mr Smith	<a href="mailto:ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk">ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778382
Year 11	Mr Middleton	<a href="mailto:mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk">mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778339

Years	Student Support Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
10 & 11	Mrs Cooper (Monday and Tuesday only)	<a href="mailto:lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk">lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778389
10 & 11	Miss McCabe	<a href="mailto:mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk">mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778396
10 & 11	Mrs O'Hare	<a href="mailto:dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk">dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778389
7 & 8	Miss Matthews	<a href="mailto:amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk">amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778303
9	Mrs Wilson	<a href="mailto:lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk">lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778341

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Year 7	Mrs Marshall	<a href="mailto:smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk">smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778354
Years 8 & 9	Mrs Silva	<a href="mailto:ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk">ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778331
Years 10/11	Mrs Jones	<a href="mailto:ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk">ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778323

Sixth Form	Mr Kerrison (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Miss Hughes (VI Form manager)	<a href="mailto:akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk">akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk">pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk">ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk</a>	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778399
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