

10 February 2023

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Dear parents/carers and students,

Half term break

Please remember that Monday 20th February is an INSET day and therefore students do not return to school after the half term break until **Tuesday 21st February**.

Strike days by the NEU (National Education Union) - reminder

The National Education Union is asking its members to join further strikes on 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. After the half term break we will be planning our response and will notify you of the impact for your children in order that you can make plans.

Uniform reminder - hoodies and jumpers

As we are in a period of relatively cold weather we would like to remind you that students are not permitted to wear hoodies at school. If they wish to add an additional layer (or two) to their uniform they can wear plain white T-shirts underneath their school shirts and/or a v-neck navy blue jumper between their shirt and blazer. If they wear any other jumper (or any hoodie) they will be asked to remove this during school hours. Students are of course welcome to wear an outdoor coat over their uniform when they are moving between lessons or during breaks.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to all of our Year 11 students who have behaved brilliantly during their period of mock exams. The mock exams will be completed today and will allow students to gauge their progress and identify gaps in their skills and knowledge as they progress towards the final exams. Importantly the mocks will also allow teachers to accurately plan their remaining lessons for maximum impact. Many thanks to parents/carers for your support at home.

Chinese visitors to the Food Technology department

Two Chinese ambassadors from the Fun Chinese Cuisine charity visited us this week - Phoenix Wong & Laila Henry-Smith. They worked with our yr10 classes on Chinese cuisine, explaining about different regional foods in China and the origins of famous Chinese sauces. Students were fascinated to learn that the original oyster sauce was made by accident! Our visitors also talked about Chinese festivals, particularly Chinese new year, and the history of giving fortune cookies and mooncakes. Both Chinese ambassadors demonstrated Hoisin chicken with vegetables. Then the students made the dish individually to try to impress the judges. Prizes were awarded for the best efforts!



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.

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:

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Year 9	Mrs Hook	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338
Year 10	Mr Smith	ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778382
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10 & 11	Miss McCabe	mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778396
10 & 11	Mrs O'Hare	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
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