

30 January 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: NEU Strike Action

As you are aware, due to the impending NEU strike action, we have no choice but to partially close on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and will be open for students in Year 11 and Year 13 only. As the school will be closed to Year 8 students on this day, please find below appropriate activities that link to their current studies that can be completed at home.

Maths

Students are just coming to the end of a unit on coordinates and graphs. They can use this link to Oak National Academy to review some of the key concepts around straight lines:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/linear-graphs-3380>

Additionally, they can use MathsWatch for any extra revision they would like to do on the graphs unit.

English

Students are studying Shakespeare's comedy '*A Midsummer Night's Dream*' and can choose from the quizzes and clips provided to broaden their understanding of the play and its famous playwright:

[A Midsummer Night's Dream - KS3 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

Science

In chemistry, students are currently studying chemical reactions. They can use this link to revise the combustion section of the topic, testing themselves using the quiz. They might want to make notes or flashcards to help them revise: [Air and Burning - BBC Bitesize](#)

APEX

On Tuesday 24 January, all Year 8 students attended the BBC Careers Roadshow as part of its centenary celebrations. The event was designed to support students with their career pathways and they heard from a panel of guests on their career journeys. To supplement the careers unit delivered through APEX lessons, a new resource has been created by the BBC and can be accessed using this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Students will find some really useful information across the site to support them with their next steps and we encourage students to explore the site.

Students can also use the time to complete any homework they have and parents can use EduLink One to check the details of any tasks set and when they are due in. All Year 8 students should have a reading book they have taken out from the library and we encourage them to spend some time independently reading.

Please note that students who would normally receive a free school meal will receive a top up of £3 to their free school meal voucher that will be provided for the half term break.

Once again, we are sorry for any disruption this may cause and, when further risk assessments have been completed for the NEU's planned strike action following 1 February 2023, we will write to you again.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'V. Loftus', written in black ink.

Mrs V Loftus
Headteacher