

24 February 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

### RE: Year 8 work

As you are aware, due to the impending strike action, we have no choice but to partially close on Tuesday 28 February 2023 and will be open for students in Years 11, 12 and 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 working on a unit on ratio and proportion and they can use this link to Oak National Academy for further practice:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/ratio-real-life-graphs-and-rates-of-change-c5d2>

Additionally, they can use MathsWatch for any extra revision they would like to do on ratio and proportion.

#### English

Students are studying the power of language during moments of tragedy. Using the link below, students can work through the activities to support their studies:

[How to use language for effect for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize](#)

#### Science

In biology, students are currently studying photosynthesis and respiration. They can use this link to revise the topic, testing themselves using the quiz. They might want to make notes or flashcards to help them revise: [What is photosynthesis? - Respiration and gas exchange - KS3 Biology - BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

#### APEX

National Careers Week starts on Monday 6 March. During this week, students will hear from external speakers about different industries and will explore what job opportunities are linked to the different subjects they study. In advance of this, students will find some really useful information across the National Careers Week website and we encourage them to explore this site to support them with their next steps: <https://ncw2020.co.uk/>

There are also a variety of activities that students can access using this link:

<https://ncw2020.co.uk/activities/>

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 Parent Pay account on Monday. Students are able to purchase a meal deal on Monday 27 February to bring home if they wish or, alternatively, they can spend the money across the week.

Once again, we are sorry for any disruption this may cause and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

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

Vicky Loftus  
Headteacher