

13 March 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March - Year 8

As you are aware, due to the impending strike action, we have no choice but to partially close on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 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 these days, please find below appropriate activities that link to their current studies that can be completed at home across the two days.

Wednesday 15 March

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/lessons/looking-at-proportional-relationships-6gv3jd>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/looking-at-proportional-relationships-6wr34r>

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 understand this writing form:

[How to write a newspaper report guide for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize](#)

Science

In physics, students are currently studying forces. They can use the following link to revise forces and then test themselves using the quiz. They might want to make notes or flashcards to help them revise:

[Forces and movement - KS3 Physics - BBC Bitesize](#)

Thursday 16 March

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/lessons/direct-proportion-part-1-c8rk6c>

Additionally, they can use MathsWatch for any extra revision they would like to do on ratio and proportion, in particular the percentage topics.

English

Students can apply their knowledge of language devices and layout features to create a newspaper article on a recent global or personal event. For example, they could create an article on a sporting competition or how much one of their hobbies means to them... be creative!

Science

In biology, students are currently studying bioenergetics. They can use the following link to revise bioenergetics and then test themselves using the quiz. They might want to make notes or flashcards to help them revise:

[Respiration and gas exchange - KS3 Biology - BBC Bitesize](#)

APEX

As part of National Careers Week (6-10 March), students explored the wide-ranging opportunities and pathways available to them. All of this information has been shared into a student newsletter with links to access further information. Within this newsletter, students can access the National Careers Week links and their start profiles which will support them with their next steps:

<https://sway.office.com/8sNyNFBjAEYS3hn3?ref=email>

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 £6 to their Parent Pay account this week. Students are able to purchase extra meal deals on Tuesday 14 March 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,



Vicky Loftus
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