



Penistone Grammar School

Never Stop Flying

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Dear Parents/Carers

NEU STRIKE DAYS

Please be aware that the NEU are taking strike action on Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July 2023.

The strike continues because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, teacher retention and recruitment, and continued financial cuts that affect the education of our young people and staff. The strike is not because of any issues internally at our school.

I totally understand this is frustrating for parents and carers, nonetheless I would ask that you support our staff in their difficult decision to strike. They are absolutely committed to our school and students, and this is why they are choosing to take industrial action. It is ultimately to provide students with a better offer and funding sustainability to guarantee the future of public education.

Whilst we have considered several options, it is impossible for us to keep open safely and as such we will be closed for some students on these days. However, we will be open for all Year 10 & 12 students.

Year 10 students will complete lessons in Maths and English, a revision seminar and lessons in some of their 'option' GCSE subjects. A number of students will complete their internal practice exams as planned.

Year 12 students will be welcome to come into school to complete independent study but unfortunately there will be no planned lessons due to staffing

This decision to close for Years 7-9 has been made due to a range of factors but predominantly because we believe that having all students on site will be a risk due to lack of adult supervision in both learning and at unstructured times. Unfortunately, we are unable to request staff to set work for students to complete at home.

If you have children in Years 7-9, we politely request that you begin to seek childcare for these days. There will be no set work or live online lessons for these days. Students are advised to complete home learning, revision, recap any previous work, coursework etc to ensure they are up to date with anything outstanding.



Aim High

Be Determined

Be Brave

Be Supportive

Be Proud

I apologise for the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Penistone Grammar School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering a high-quality education.

Please be aware that the planned PE Awards Evening & Year 13 Prom at Cubley Hall on Friday 7 July will go ahead as planned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Crook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Mr P Crook

Principal

