

29th June 2023



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned Industrial Action by the NEU: Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023

Wednesday 5th July 2023 – school open to (new) Years 11 and 13 and invited vulnerable children only.

Friday 7th July – school open to (new) Years 10 and 13 and invited vulnerable children only.

You will be aware that the National Education Union has called two further one-day strikes on **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023** as part of the national industrial action over changes to pay, pensions and terms and conditions of their members.

We have worked as closely as we can with staff to try and estimate the numbers of staff who will be involved and have taken the decision to limit the number of students on site. This is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where colleagues have elected to take lawful industrial action, we will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all students.

Our intention is that the school will remain **open to Years 10 and 12 (new Year 11 and 13) on Wednesday 5th July and open to years 9 and 12 (new Year 10 and 13) on Friday 7th July**; we will provide normal services wherever possible. In line with accepted protocol we will not require teaching staff to cover for union members who are taking part in the strike action.

The Student Support Team will contact the parents or carers of students who we feel will be best looked after in school on that day, by Monday 3rd July at the latest, and we will operate supervision for these students with the resources that we will have available on the day.

Therefore, the school will be **closed to Years 7 to 9 (new Year 8, 9 and 10) on Wednesday 5th July** and students will be expected to continue their education remotely for this day. Teachers who are in other unions and not taking industrial action will set work remotely for their classes using Show My Homework (Satchel One). You may wish to double check that Show My Homework (Satchel One) is working for your child from home before Wednesday 5th; please email your child's tutor if you need any support with this. **On Friday 7th July the school will be closed to Years 7, 8 and 10 (new Year 8, 9 and 11)** and again the students will all be expected to continue their education remotely for this day, via materials provided for them, on Satchel One as above.

Staff will be available via email during the timetabled periods that their lesson would usually take place. Where a member of staff is absent from school on Wednesday and/or Friday then students will need to go to the 'Year Group Homework' set on Show My Homework (Satchel One), where they will find a choice of options to complete. All work should be submitted online or handed in to the teacher the following lesson, as detailed in the task.

For each year group who on site, normal attendance is expected and students should attend lessons as usual: where a teacher is absent, Post-16 students must use this time for private study. On Wednesday 5th July, Year 12 (new Year 13) will continue with their Futures Week activities.

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For all students in Year 10 (new Year 11), they will all be sitting mock GCSE science exams on 5th July as well as then attending their timetabled lessons for the day in between; the exam timetable for these is below. Please note it is important that your child revises for and attends these examinations, as part of their continuing assessment and preparation for their formal examinations next summer.

Year 10 Science Examination Timetable - Wednesday 5th July		
Start Time	Duration	Exam paper
9.15am	1hr 15 mins	Chemistry (Combined:Trilogy)
	1hr 45 mins	Chemistry (Triple)
12.55pm	1hr 15 mins	Physics (Combined:Trilogy)
	1hr 45 mins	Physics (Triple)

Sixth form students must sign in using the InVentry system in the sixth form common room on each day.
 On Wednesday 5th July, Year 10 (new 11) must proceed to their line-up at 08.50am.
 On Friday 7th July, Year 9 (new 10) must proceed to the main hall for an assembly at 08.50am.

As a summary:

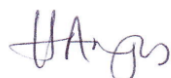
2022/23 Year group	Wednesday 5 th July	Friday 7 th July
Year 7 (new Year 8)	Remote learning via Satchel One	Remote learning via Satchel One
Year 8 (new Year 9)	Remote learning via Satchel One	Remote learning via Satchel One
Year 9 (new Year 10)	Remote learning via Satchel One	On site provision
Year 10 (new Year 11)	On site provision	Remote learning via Satchel One
Year 12 (new Year 13)	On site provision: Futures Week	On site provision: timetabled lessons

Buses will operate as normal and any student who is attending school on the strike day will be able to access school meals in the normal way. Students who are in receipt of free school meals will be offered a packed lunch to take home with them on Tuesday 4th July which can be refrigerated overnight for Wednesday as well as on Thursday 6th July for Friday. Students will be asked to visit the servery after lunch on 4th and 6th July respectively to collect this should they wish to do so.

We look forward to welcoming every student back on to site on Thursday 6th July and also from Monday 10th July.

Once again, I regret any inconvenience caused and hope that this clarification of the situation is of some help in anticipating possible impacts on childcare and similar arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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