



Dear student,

As you will be aware, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February is the first of a series of strike days declared by the NEU (National Education Union) as part of an national campaign because of a dispute between the unions and the government around pay. As a result we, will be closed to students in Years 7 to 10 but **will remain open to students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form**, who we have prioritised due to the closeness of your exams.

Please come in to school at the normal time of **8.40 but rather than go straight to tutor rooms, please go to Lansdown Court** where staff will be waiting to meet, register and direct you. Where teachers are in school, your lessons will run as normal and where a member of staff is absent for a planned absence or illness, there may be cover set in your usual classroom. There may be some lessons, however, where you will be supervised to complete independent study – so please ensure that you bring in materials to support with this. I would suggest bringing work and revision guides you may have to prepare for your upcoming internal exams in Term 4 and especially any work you have been set or that links to your PLCs. For some of these supervised sessions, there will be access to laptops or computers, where you may want to access online learning via the following learning sites:

- The Oak National Academy:

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons>

- BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>

- GCSEPod:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/>

- Tassomai

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Please note, that Mendip Hall will be closed due to the production set up and we will be asking Year 11 to use Lansdown Hall and Court only during break and lunch time – we will also open the astro if we are able at lunch. You will be able to purchase food from Lansdown Hall at break and lunch as normal. We appreciate you may have some disruption to your normal classes for this day and thank you in advance for your understanding. We have full confidence that you will approach any independent study with diligence and commitment- as you have shown so far this year in your approach to your studies.

Best wishes,

Sophie Francis  
Vice Principle