

## Your weekly *Pioneer Parent Update* 18/01/23

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<b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yrs 7, 8 &amp; 9 : Stage 3 Netball Championship – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>- Ark Fusion Ensemble &amp; Spark Choir Rehearsals - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January</li> <li>- All Year 10 <b>bring chromebooks in</b> - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</li> <li>- Netball Fixture : Yr 7&amp;8 v JCOSS (Home) - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</li> <li>-</li> <li>- <b>Y10 Bath University Trip &amp; Y7, 8 &amp; 9 Pillar Day</b> Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>- All Year 7, 8 and 9 <b>bring chromebooks in</b> - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>- Football : Yr 7 &amp; Yr 8&amp;9 vs Compton School (Away) - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Netball Fixture : Yr 9 v QE Girls (Home) Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>- Ark Scholarship Music Residential – Ark Scholarship Music residential Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</li> </ul>					
<b>New this week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Year 7 France Trip letter</b> – residential for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Letter sent home to all year 7 parents – we want every pupil to go!</li> </ul>					
<b>Can you help out?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can you help with a link to a <b>work experience placement</b> for Y10 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July? <b>We would be very grateful for any parent who can host a child at their work place.</b> This will be valuable for every pupil when they are in year 10. Please <a href="#">Fill in 2 minute form here</a> if you can help</li> </ul>					
<b>Other parent resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Y9 Options Booklet – link and information below</li> </ul>					

Dear parents/carers,

Our first university trip this year went off very well yesterday. I have really enjoyed hearing year 10 PE pupils' feedback on Loughborough and studying sports science and beyond. We look forward to the Bath University trip coming up in the next fortnight.

### ***Other notices for parents this week:***

#### **NEU Strike action**

As you will be aware from the news, the NEU teaching union has voted for strike action on the following dates which affect our school:

- 1 February: All schools in England and Wales
- 2 March: South-east and south-west England, and London
- 15 and 16 March: Two-day strike of all schools in England and Wales

Many of our staff are members of this union and will therefore take part in this industrial action. I realise this disruption will be frustrating, so we do hope things will change soon. For now, however, I wanted to let you know what to expect.

**The first strike day (February 1<sup>st</sup>) will not affect you - this was already booked as an staff training day and school will therefore remain closed to all pupils as planned.**

For the other dates, we will update you with our plans as soon as we know the level of disruption we will expect. I appreciate your support during this difficult time.

### **Date for diary: Chromebooks in school**

To support pupils on and in preparation of our upcoming pillar day, pupils will need their Chromebooks in school fully charged on the following days:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Year 10 only
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Year 7, 8 and 9

### **Year 9 Options**

Pupils have been enjoying finding out more about the options process and the choices they have before them. Pupils will continue to hear information from subject leaders on the remainder of their subjects and then they will complete the draft options survey. A reminder that more information on the options process was the focus of a recent parent webinar that can be watched back [here](#). Information of the options subjects is contained in our Options Information Booklet [here](#) and further information on our KS3, KS4 and KS5 curriculum offer can be found on our website 2019 [here](#) and [here](#). If you have any questions relating to the options process, please contact your child's form teacher.

### **Century Parent Login**

Some parents will have recently received an email from Century regarding the parent portal. However, it has been brought to our attention that others may not have received this. Century have been working to resolve the issue and will shortly be in touch with all parents with their login details. This will be a powerful resource for parents to review the progress being made in maths and science and increasingly English. More details on how to access and navigate the parent portal is [here](#). For any Century related queries please email [support@century.tech](mailto:support@century.tech).

Kind regards  
Ms Ryan