



## Weekly Parent Update

Dear parents/carers,

Our pillar day last week was particularly enjoyable – most memorable is the Y10 trip to Bath University – we'll share pictures tomorrow on our website. We look forward to more university trips coming up throughout the year.

*Ms Ryan, Principal*

<b>Coming up this week &amp; next week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UKMT Individual Challenge – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</li> <li>- Altruism Group Visit to Grasvenor Infant School visit 1 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</li> <li>- Y7 Trip to Tate Modern - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</li> <li>- Y8 – Y10 bring Chromebook - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</li>   <li>- Football Match Y7 v Archer Academy (Away) Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Football Match Y8 &amp; 9 v JCOSS Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Ark Choir Rehearsal Trip – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- 'Schools Club' drama event (GCSE Drama pupils) - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Cambridge University (Dept of Applied Maths and Theoretical Physics) Trip – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February (12 Y10 pupils)</li> <li>- Football Match Y10 v Christ College (Home) - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Football Match Y7 v JCOSS (Home) - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Y8 Ark Network Football Championships – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Altruism Group Visit to Grasvenor Infant School visit 2 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- Ski Trip to Gerlitz, Austria Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (50 pupils)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
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### **Industrial Action update & critical workers parent information**

As you know, one of the teaching unions, the NEU has voted for strike action across the country on the following dates. This is a national issue but one which affects our school on the following dates:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - South-east and south-west England, and London
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Two-day strike of all schools in England and Wales

We are aware that a significant number of our staff are likely to be participating in this action and we need to ascertain capacity for provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

**If you believe your child falls into the critical workers' category and you require them to be onsite learning, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/krgoqbUaCy>**

We will confirm arrangements for school next week. Should there be any closure we will provide online work for pupils and make provision for all eligible students to receive a voucher equivalent to their free school meal entitlement on any dates they are unable to attend school due to strike action. These will be issued by Wonde.

## **Ark Network Annual Parent survey – please complete!**

Ark are surveying 30,000 families across our 39 schools as we do each spring term. It will take only 5-10 minutes to complete. Please represent our school – it would be very valuable to us. Thanks to everyone who has completed so far, we appreciate your time.

Click here- <https://edurio.com/poll/6zBy7P> live until Friday 10th February

## **Chromebooks in School Friday**

Pupils in Y8 – Y10 should bring in their fully charged Chromebook with headphones on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## **Assessment Information Booklets**

As part of assemblies this week, all pupils will be receiving their assessment information booklets. These detail the key areas of focus for pupils as they begin their revision for the Spring Formative Assessments. A copy for parents is also available on our website in the curriculum section [here](#). A copy has also been emailed to all pupils so they can more easily access digital links.

## **Y9 Parents Evening and GCSE Options Fayre**

We are looking forward to meeting Year 9 parents as part of parents evening on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** from 4:30pm – 8:00pm. To sign up to the event, parents can book an arrival slot [here](#).

Please note that:

- This is a window of arrival and not an estimate on how long the event will run
- Arrival slots will be removed from the booking form when the allocation has been reached
- We ask that parents keep to their planned arrival slot to help with the planning of the event
- Parents arriving in the final window are unlikely to be able to meet all subject teachers as the event will finish at 8pm
- Pupils should be in attendance with uniform not compulsory.

As part of the evening, parents/carers and pupils can meet separately with subject specific and leadership staff to discuss **Year 9 Options Programme** and GCSE choices. Further information will be available on arrival.

## **Y9 Globe Trip – Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to planned industrial action scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> March we have cancelled the planned Y9 trip to the Globe Theatre.

To help ensure that pupils don't miss out on the learning from the trip, the Globe will be running an in-school workshop for all pupils in Year 9 next half term. We are also working with them to ensure that the year group are booked in for a performance next year.

<b>Quick links</b>	<a href="#">Curriculum Booklets &amp; subject information</a>	<a href="#">Form for reporting absence</a>	<a href="#">Menu pricing, free school meals</a>	<a href="#">All previous parent updates</a>	<a href="#">News &amp; pictures</a>	<a href="#">School Policies</a>
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