

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear SGS Forest families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

National Education Union strike days

A reminder that we will be open to Year 7 and Year 11 only next Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should not attend, but work will be set on ClassCharts for any timetabled lessons for which the teacher is in school.

Year 11 mock exams

These begin on Monday. Prep and Period 7 lessons continue throughout the mock exam period, with a strengthened focus on English and Maths for the next few weeks. I continue to be greatly impressed by Year 11 students' seriousness of purpose about their studies.

Year 10 mock interviews

Later this half term, every Year 10 student will have a full mock interview in school with a local college or employer, to help build their skills and confidence ahead of making applications next year. We are really enjoying preparing Year 10s for these in their Personal Development lessons at the moment.

TikTok

We have become aware of a TikTok made by a student, which 'rates' some members of staff. Unfortunately, the TikTok uses abusive language (as do some of the comments posted by students), as well as pictures taken in school that the creator did not have permission to take or use. We are dealing with this matter in school, but I would ask parents and carers to remind their children that nobody – even a teacher – should have personally abusive remarks made about them online.

Sporting success

I am delighted to let you know that our Year 10 boys' basketball team beat Newent High School 32-19 this week. A fantastic achievement for our relatively new team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours,

Alan Dane
Headteacher