

Monday 30th January 2023

Dear SGS Forest families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Wednesday 1st February

It is still my intention that the school is open to all students as normal this Wednesday, even though some members of staff will be taking part in the National Education Union's nationwide strike.

My priority will be that students follow as close to normal a timetable as we can provide; where this is not possible, they will take part in valuable alternative activities, including House competitions and special assemblies.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out that the NEU's dispute is not with SGS Forest; rather, it is part of the Union's campaign to ensure that children and young people in England have the best possible teachers and schools. It is also worth noting that, in accordance with employment law, teachers who are striking will be sacrificing a day's pay each time that they strike.

There are further strikes planned in February and March, some of which may include members of other education trade unions. I will update you about arrangements as we get nearer to each of these, with my twin priorities being to keep the school open for all students whenever possible and to uphold the right of staff to take part in lawful industrial action.

Congratulations

I am delighted to let you know that the following students have been selected as our Year 10 House Captains and our Year 10 House Prefects for Terms 3 and 4:

Beechenhurst

House Captain

Toby Brice-Nelson

Prefects

Freya Cotta

Dak Turner

Kyle Walker

Clearwell

House Captain

Oliver Middlecote

Prefects

Sam Bevan

Skye Laity

Maria Paraschiv

Symonds Yat

House Captain

Jay Kibble

Prefects

Archie Bevan

Lacie McStraw

Deanna Phelps

Progress reports

You will soon be receiving your child's first progress reports for this academic year. My apologies that this is a little later than originally planned, but please remember that we are moving from being a school which did not provide you with any reliable academic progress information last year, to one that will be doing so three times a year from now on.

Thank you for your continued support.

Alan Dane
Headteacher