

Dear Parent/Carer

### **STRIKE ACTION**

Thank you for your co-operation regarding the strike action of 1 February. We had 56 teachers striking but managed to accommodate vulnerable students, the children of critical workers in Years 7 and 8 and students in Year 11, 12 and 13 for part of the day.

The next strike is scheduled for *Tuesday 28 February*. The arrangements for the day will be as they were on 1 February. We will open for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 and students in Years 7-10 should work remotely.

<b>In School</b>	<b>Learning remotely</b>
Years 11, 12 & 13	Years 7, 8, 9, 10
Vulnerable students [Years 7, 8, 9, 10]	
Children of Critical Workers [Years 7 & 8]	

### **Year 11 students**

Year 11 are scheduled to sit an English Literature mock exam and a Maths non-calculator mock exam on 28 February. These mock exams will go ahead as planned.

Year 11 students should arrive at school for 8.20am as normal in school uniform. They should go directly to their English Literature exam [they have an exam timetable telling them the venue but staff will also direct them on arrival]. After break students will sit their Maths mock exam which will finish between 12.30pm and 1pm depending on whether students have extra time.

Students need to report to the cafeteria when they finish their Maths exam and we will let them know whether the teachers they have for lesson 4 and 5 are in school. If students do not have a teacher lesson 4 or 5 they will be able to leave school provided parents have given permission. Permission to leave the premises to study at home was provided by you via Operoo for 1 February and unless you contact us to say otherwise, we are assuming that if you gave permission for your child to leave on 1 February that permission stands for future strikes.

Students whose lesson 5 teacher is in will be supervised to work independently in the Humanities Pod during lesson 4. Students have other assessments and mocks later in that week and during the week beginning 6 March so they will have work they can do if they are in supervised study lesson 4 or whether they are at home.

### **Post-16 Students**

- On arrival at 8.30am, Post-16 students should go to the cafeteria to check which of their lessons are taking place. If they arrive later [because they have no timetabled lesson at 8.30am] they should go to the Post-16 office to check.
- They can leave site if they do not have lessons or remain in the Post-16 study areas between lessons as is their current practice.

### Vulnerable Learners

Students with an Educational Health Care Plan [EHCP], children who have social workers and/or multi-agency involvement, looked after children and children with serious safeguarding concerns already known to the school are classed as vulnerable learners.

School has already informed parents/carers directly where their child meets these criteria and can come into school on 28 February.

### Critical Worker Provision

We have made arrangements to accommodate a small number of critical worker children in Years 7 and 8. These students will not receive any live teaching in school and will complete the same work as students at home.

### Students working remotely [Years 7-10]

If a teacher is NOT striking, the teacher will set work online so students need to check Google Classroom at the start of each lesson. To access Google Classroom students should use the Google Workspace link found on the homepage of the school's website under Quick Links [top of the homepage] or by clicking this link [Google Workspace](#)

All students have a Google Classroom account and have been shown how to access it using their school network username and password. Further information can be found on the school's website by clicking on this link. If a student needs their password re-setting there is an IT Support Request Form near the bottom of this webpage.

If a teacher IS striking, students can log on to Oak National Academy (link [Oak National Academy](#)) to find appropriate work.

Substantial paper packs of work were given to students who do not have access to online learning. If parents/carers need additional paper-based work, please contact Kerhie Harrison at [info@allertonhigh.org.uk](mailto:info@allertonhigh.org.uk)

### Lunch Arrangements

Students who are coming into school may bring a packed lunch or have school lunch. Our free school meal offer will still be available to students in school although our hot food service will be reduced.

Students working remotely [Years 7-10] who qualify for Free School Meals should complete the Operoo section below and collect their packed lunch from the Multi-Faith entrance at 12.20pm on 28 February. On the last strike day, a number of students requested a Free School Meal but failed to collect it. Could I ask parents/carers to ensure the food is collected on the forthcoming strike day as this is a cost that the school can ill afford?

Our plans are subject to change as our staff may have to stay at home to look after their own children if primary schools close at the last minute. We will review our arrangements in advance of the next strike days, 15 and 16 March but we do appreciate your ongoing patience and support.

## **UNIFORM**

We are currently reviewing our uniform requirements for 2023-24 and attach a draft copy of the proposed dress code. There are very few changes but I would like to bring to your attention the following:

- Year 7 students in September 2023 will wear a grey tie with the AHS logo. The tie colour will roll forward with students into their next year group, as with other years.
- Plain black belt (with plain buckle) as required to keep trousers around the waist so that undergarments are appropriately covered at all times.
- Dark green, black or white headscarf/ patka /turban if required. White has been offered as an additional option due to light reflective qualities in hot weather
- We continue to remind all students that leggings are not appropriate in school and that skirts should be of appropriate length.

Our general approach as ever is that we expect students to present a smart appearance, suitable for a learning environment.

If you have any comments to make, please contact Mrs Whitehurst at school or alternatively you might like to attend the next Parents' Forum.

## **PARENTS' FORUM MEETING**

This meeting was calendared for 15 March but has been re-scheduled because there is expected strike action on 15 March. It now takes place on Wednesday 8 March [6pm – 7.15pm]. We will be looking at uniform requirements for 2023-24, the updated version of parent/carer Progress Information and discussing the recent parent/carer feedback on various aspects of the school's provision. All parents/carers are welcome but please let the General Office know you are coming so we have an idea on numbers.

## **PARENTAL FEEDBACK**

Thank you for completing the recent survey about your experiences of working with us at Allerton High. 953 parents responded [1,603 students on roll] and I'm pleased to say: 91% of parents stated their child was happy at Allerton High, 94% felt their child was safe in school, 87% stated the school makes sure its students behave and 88% would recommend Allerton High to others.

The areas where you were less confident in terms of provision were how we responded to some of your concerns and the information we provide to you about what your child learns throughout the year. 75% of parents agreed we provide information about what their child learns during the year. We do try provide an overview of the schemes of work for each year group [available on the website] and these are constantly being updated. However, we will work on simplifying the information so that is it more accessible.

78% of parents/carers thought the school responds well to any concerns parents/carers raise. We try to resolve all concerns promptly and always talk through why something isn't possible but again – please contact my PAs, Lyndsey Johnson-Laird and Kate Dove directly if you have been trying to resolve an issue and find our approach unhelpful.

We will run an information session at the summer Parents' Forum on Wednesday 21 June about how the school deals with bullying. We consider our approach to be robust and parents/carers might find this session helpful.

### CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday 28 February	-	Planned Strike Action
Wednesday 1 March	-	GCSE Geography Visit Holbeck Urban Village 11b G/1a Anne Frank Exhibition [until Friday 3 March]
Thursday 2 March	-	Y12 Subject Consultation Evening [4-7pm] World Book Day
Friday 3 March	-	GCSE Geography Visit Holbeck Urban Village K4A/G11
Monday 6 March	-	Y11 Core exams continue GCSE Drama exam National Careers Week
Wednesday 8 March	-	A Level Drama Exam
Thursday 9 March	-	Year 9 Guided Choices Evening 5pm-7.15pm
Monday 13 March	-	Year 12 Geography Field Trip – Malham [returning 15 March] English Institute of Sport GCSE Rewards PE Trip
Wednesday 15 March	-	Planned Strike Action
Thursday 16 March	-	Planned Strike Action GCSE Component 2 Drama Exam [we will notify parents/carers of arrangements separately]
Friday 17 March	-	GCSE Food & Nutrition Practical Exam
Wednesday 22 March	-	GCSE Food & Nutrition Practical Exam
Monday 27 March	-	Y10 RE Exams Progress Review Information home for Y7-11 World Theatre Day Maths Inspiration Playhouse Post16
Tuesday 28 March	-	Full Governors' Meeting Gateway to Drama Leeds Playhouse Industry Day
Thursday 30 March	-	Y10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training
Friday 31 March	-	School closes for Easter
Monday 17 April	-	Y10 Science exams this week
Thursday 20 April	-	Y12 Next Steps Evening from 6pm
Friday 28 April	-	GCSE PE practical Y12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition
Monday 1 May	-	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8 May	-	Kings Coronation Bank Holiday

Kind regards



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