

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

9th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, thank you again for your ongoing patience and support during the period of industrial action within education across the country.

Industrial Action next week – next week is the final round of the current proposed industrial action by the NEU. It is a 2 day complete withdrawal of service covering Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. Although we had hoped to be able to offer some service to other year groups beyond Y11 it is looking like that isn't a feasible option based on the number of staff who will be unavailable for work on those days. The complexities around what those not undertaking industrial action can be asked to do in the absence of colleagues means it is very difficult to ensure continuity of provision and to ensure that any students on site have adequate supervision and input. I have therefore had to make the difficult decision to say that we are likely closed to all of Year 7 to Year 10 again with intention being to prioritise provision for Year 11 due to their upcoming formal exam season as directed by the Government. Year 11 students will receive a personalised communication on Monday outlining their provision across those two days. Should anything else change I will of course update families. I am sorry that this will amount to 4 days of disruption to most year groups across the last few months and look forward to a formal resolution between the NEU and the Government as a matter of urgency.

Careers Information – yesterday was the Year 9 Raising Aspirations event. This was a coordinated event across all of the CLF Secondary provisions with a rounded programme of input getting students to think about future options. It was also International Women's Day and we were very honoured to have Rav Bumbra of Cajigo as a keynote speaker. Rav has been recognised as one of the most influential women in UK tech and Cajigo is a company supporting increasing the representation of gender in the tech industry. I hope all of our Year 9 students enjoyed the event (despite some additional disruption to the planned activities due to the snow).

It's also National Careers Week and there is a useful Parent Guide available on the following link [The-Parents-Guide-to-National-Careers-Week-2023.pdf \(clf.uk\)](#)

Wear Your Trainers for Turkey & Syria – we are really pleased that this event raised just over £800 towards charity to provide disaster relief and aid to those most affected by the recent

Tasfia – Y7 – performed at May Park Primary weekend before last as part of 'International Mother Language Day'. She sang and played the harmonium. The headteacher at May Park was so blown away by her performance that she wrote to me directly to make me aware of it. Well done to Tasfia, we are really proud of you.

Second Hand Uniform – we've started making second hand uniform available at Parents' Evenings which seems to have been well received. We would like to try and keep this going to enable families to access uniform at a reduced cost. If you have any uniform that is no longer of use to your family then we will gladly take it off your hands and ensure it is clean and available for purchase at a very reduced price. We aren't yet in a position to buy old uniform off of families (we're looking into systems that may enable that sort of set up in the future but not yet) but we can assure families that any income received from selling old uniform is invested back into our core education offer to students. Please feel free to drop/send any donations into Reception at any time between 7:30am and 4pm during the week.

Yours sincerely



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Principal