

10 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to let you know that Mr Seaton was in school this morning, the first day of a phased return to work. It was good to see him back. He will build up to full return over the coming weeks.

### **NEU Industrial Action, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023**

Thank you for indicating whether your child will or won't be attending on the relevant strike days following the recent communication sent to year groups. If you are a year 9 or 10 parent who hasn't yet let us know your intentions, please do so as soon as convenient using this [link](#).

- **Year 11** students attending on the strike days should report to LA7. Those not attending should use the time to revise for the summer examinations.
- **Year 9** students attending on Wednesday 15 March should report to the main hall at 8.45am. They should bring PE kit.
- **Year 10** students attending on Thursday 16 March should report to the main hall at 8.45am. They should bring PE kit.
- **Year 9 and 10** students working at home will be set activities for English, maths, biology, chemistry and physics via ClassCharts – these will be made available each morning.
- Arrangements for **year 12 and 13** students are as they were for previous strike days.

As before, if your child has free school meals and will be in school, they will get their lunch as normal. If your child is not attending and is entitled to free school meals, they will be invited to collect packed lunches for the two days from the dining hall on the Tuesday afternoon.

The students will be informed of the above in the online student briefing on Monday morning.

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

Please take a few minutes to complete our parent/carer feedback survey at this [link](#). This is so we can get a sense of your experience as a parent/carer and your thoughts on your child's/children's experience of school life. Thank you in anticipation.

### **Spring Music Concert**

Please note that the date of our Spring Music Concert has changed. This will take place on **Wednesday 26 April at 6.30pm** in the Winter Gardens, with refreshments served by our wonderful PTFA. We will send out more details in due course.

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## **QEHS Green Team Initiative – Plea for unwanted spectacles!**

Students from QEHS Green Team are launching an initiative to collect unused, unwanted spectacles to send in bulk to Specsavers for recycling.

Countless pairs of discarded spectacles lie unused in cupboards inside many people's homes. Most spectacles are not biodegradable and are a contributor to landfill globally. It can be difficult to find somewhere to recycle spectacles. However, Specsavers have a partnership with MyGroup to recycle spectacles – and their cases – free of charge. Their components are separated and the materials recycled to make more useful objects.

If possible, we would like you to send in old pairs of spectacles for collection at school. Your child can drop these off in a box in the LRC between the 20 and 31 March. We will then send them on to a better future!

### **Reading initiatives**

As part of our promotion of reading for pleasure, the following two opportunities have been shared with students in assemblies and tutor time.

- **Book swap:** We will be holding a book swap in the LRC next week – Monday 13 to Friday 17 March. Students can bring up to two books and swap them for others, or just take a book and return it when they have read it.
- **Book raffle:** Having read a book, students can complete a book review slip (available in the LRC). These will be posted as raffle tickets and a raffle will be drawn at the end of the term, with three prizes of a book token and Easter egg.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Atkins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Graeme Atkins  
Executive Headteacher