



Dear Parents and Carers

As per my previous letter, the National Education Union (NEU) is in a formal dispute with the Secretary of State for Education and have voted for strike action. The NEU's members strike will be continued on: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

In keeping with my responsibilities in regards Health and Safety I am only able to keep the school open for year 10 students due to a large number of colleagues in the NEU. Year 11 have now completed their time in school and thus year 10 take priority. There are 46 weeks left before year 10 students sit their GCSE and other examination qualifications.

All professional associations and unions, including headteachers, are balloting for further action. There is huge frustration that no dialogue within the profession has taken place for many months. The pay review body recommendations, and clarity that schools will be fully funded, is also yet to be provided. I am sure you would agree that we would like this situation resolved.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you would like a meal to be provided on the days of the strike action, please email [notify@fernwoodschool.org.uk](mailto:notify@fernwoodschool.org.uk) by 3pm the day before.

### Teaching and Curriculum Resources for Year 7 – 9

The following links and resources provide curriculum work for use during the school closure due to strike action.

Oak Academy are a government supported provider of online only learning to compliment secondary education in the UK. Lessons are provided on a wide range of topics within almost all subjects. Each lesson is led by an actual teacher via a pre-recorded video, with follow up tasks and questions to demonstrate knowledge acquisition.

### Student Instructions

1. To access these lessons, please select your key stage as appropriate from the links below, and then select the subject to be studied. (Follow your usual timetable for the day.)
2. Select the topic or type into the filter the topic you are currently studying during normal lessons, and then work through the lessons in order. All necessary resources are shared as needed within the lesson.

**KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9):** <https://teachers.thenational.academy/key-stages/key-stage-3>

*A small handful of subjects such as Geography in KS3 and English in KS4 are no longer available in Oak owing to a licensing issue. They can however be accessed through this link*

*instead:* <https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons#>

*If you are in year 7 or 8 and have music on your timetable for the day you are at home, the following website will enable you to continue with your song making.* <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker>

*In addition to the resources and links above, a selection of science knowledge organisers related to the topics you are currently studying are also available via the following hyperlink:*

<https://thefernwoodschool.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/fwd-sciencefaculty/Ep6dleDq8CtKv3NJOuAcWABqEcfjVxQAVGz89VtmDusKg?e=b1uRcV>

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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