

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

Dolly Parton

Hello everyone

The NEU has announced further strike action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th of July.

As previously, when considering whether to close, I have followed the DFE guidance. We have looked at our ability to staff safely the following groups with adults that are familiar with the needs of the pupils. We appreciate that this will cause considerable disruption for families and pupils and are very sorry that this is the case. We do intend to host pupils who meet the criteria specified below. We cannot guarantee that they will have their normal teachers but there will be familiar support staff available to work with the students wherever possible. OMS will not be able to offer a normal curriculum but will provide activities for pupils to participate in. I must also warn you that some mixed groupings may also be necessary.

The school will remain open on the proposed strike days for the following pupils ONLY:

Wednesday 5th July – partially closed—Open to all Post 16, Year 10s taking exams, pupils in BLUE and LILAC Class and children of keyworkers (working that day—please contact the school to confirm).

Friday 7th July – partially closed—Open to all Post 16, pupils in PEACH class, children of key workers (working that day - please contact the school to confirm)

For Parents and Carers of Children with safeguarding concerns – you will be contacted directly if needed.

Unfortunately, due to the proposed strikes we have also had to cancel our biggest fundraiser of the year—the Summer Fete and Craft Fair. We are continuing with our Grand Prize Draw, tickets for which are still being sold so don't forget to get yours. The prizes will be drawn on the 7th July as stated on the tickets and you can watch the draw via teams. The link will be sent out closer to the date and winners will be notified by email or phone. There will be smaller events for parents and the community and we will keep you informed nearer the time.



We have to take a moment to say well done to all the students who took their GCSEs this month. You were prepared, worked hard and faced the exams with maturity and confidence. We are all very proud of you! Now just sit back and relax! You have done the best you can. Results day is Thursday 24 August. Fingers Crossed!



As the end of the Summer term goes on, we get ready to wish our leavers goodbye as they prepare to move on to their next steps. One of these celebrations was the Senior Prom last week—which was a great success—everyone looked amazing, had fun, laughed, zorbed and played human table football to the backdrop of loud music and a feast from the kitchen.

The next event for our leavers and their families is a celebration tea party on the Balcony. Tea, cake and a presentation ceremony—it will be emotional, so if you are coming, don't forget tissues!



As many other schools at this time of year, we are looking forward to our school Sports Day/Week and we have a number of events planned across the school, details of which will be finalised next week and sent out to parents. Talking of Sports, the department has had a jam packed calendar since the start of the month. Just today we have a Sports Leadership Day with students from Exmouth Community College, then next week we have a SEND festival, Beach Days and Golf Competitions. Fingers crossed this glorious weather holds for them all. Photos of everything will be posted to Social Media if you would like to catch up.

Please note that the school is also closed on **Monday 3rd of July for INSET DAY.**

Have a great weekend.

Nicola Jones, Headteacher