



Our Ref: KBy/CMc

28th April 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to write to you regarding a few matters. Firstly, just to remind you that this is the first of two Bank Holiday weekends in a row, and that Sybil Andrews Academy will not be open on Monday 1st of May, or Monday the 8th of May.

Directly after the first weekend there will be the second strike for teachers on the 2nd of May. As per the letter dated 25th April, Year 11 will be in for lessons, revision or examinations. Please see below for a reminder.

Transport

Minibus and school bus pickups and collections will run at the normal times of the day for pupils attending Sybil on Thursday.

Year 11 Arrival/Departure at Site

Year 11 pupils need to arrive at their normal time please. They will also leave at their normal time as well.

Year 11 Examinations

The following examinations GCSE examinations are taking place on Tuesday – French speaking examinations.

Year 11 lessons

For non-examination pupils, where possible normal lessons will be completed. Where teachers have chosen to take industrial action, revision materials will be available for pupils in their lessons. The complete programme for this will be shared with pupils in assembly on Thursday morning before attending lessons.

Food on Site

The canteen will be open as normal but serving a slightly reduced menu at the normal times of the day.

Other pupils

For pupils not on site we have spent tutor period today going through how to access Seneca. This tutorial was provided via an online multimedia clip. The tutorial is embedded on the website and the link for this is here - [Seneca Learning.mp4](#) . This will allow pupils to access educational materials for Year 7, 8 and 9. Year 10 is tailored to the pupil's courses so will allow them to access the work



around their current course specifications. The other option for pupils is for them to sign into SPARX maths. The link for signing in is here <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/> this is set up to look at work that has been completed previously. It allows pupils to revise and go over previous work and does provide tutorial videos. It is also adaptive and will provide questions that relate to areas that need to be developed further.

Next week we will be looking to introduce a one-way system to and from the English classrooms. We will be doing this to avoid large numbers of pupils moving in different directions up and downstairs. From Wednesday this will mean pupils waiting in the old library area for pupils to leave via the canteen. English teachers will then welcome them up to lessons as they move up within their teaching groups. We have told pupils that this will be happening, if you need to do so, please take time discussing this with your child over the long weekend.

I also wanted to say well done to the Year 11 football team for reaching one local final and the County Cup semifinal this year. This group of pupils, so I am told, have supported each other as a team and represented themselves well over the last five years.

I have also sent another letter to Year 10 parents separately about work experience and the requirements for paperwork to be handed in by next Friday. I also need to clarify that the last Friday of this half term is an INSET day, Friday 26th of May. There is also another date, Friday 30th June which is the Unity day, where professional development is looked at across the Trust. This is also another day in the calendar for absence.

As a footnote, I am looking carefully at dates for next year and will ensure that they are shared with you by the end of this term.

Have a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Blakey'.

Mr K Blakey
Executive Headteacher