



Heworth Grange School

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Dear parents and carers,

Monday 27th February:

During half term Consilium Trust will be conducting a full programme of refurbishment and improvement to the school's ICT systems. This will include, amongst other things, new desktops, faster logs in, improved wi-fi, faster computer speeds and some new screens around school. These visible changes will improve the ICT experience of all students when they return. In order to do this, all ICT in the school will be completely shut down over half term and the school will be closed to all staff and visitors so that work can take place. There will be no incoming or outgoing telephone, e mail, social media, or any other ICT capacity at this time.

Any safeguarding issues can be communicated to 07311376332, this phone will be monitored over the half term. Emergency issues should be raised directly with Children's Services.

As you will appreciate this is a major undertaking; the school and all staff will need to completely re-set all the ICT systems when they return. To ensure that the re-start of the ICT systems is as smooth as possible, students will have a staggered return to school on Monday 27th February as follows:

- 9 am: Year 7
- 9.15am: Year 8
- 9.30am: Year 9
- 9.45am: Year 10
- 10am: Year 11

The scheduled Year 11 exams will go ahead without disruption and will be on their exam timetables, students should be in at 10am as stated above.

Tuesday 28th February

We are currently anticipating that strike action by members of the NEU scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28th February, will go ahead. As a significant proportion of the teaching staff are members of the NEU, we will only be able open the school to Year 11 and identified vulnerable students. Any parents and carers whose children are in receipt of free school meals should contact the school if they wish to collect a packed lunch for their child on that day; please contact by Monday 27th at 12pm.

For all Year 11 students, the arrangements for the day are:

- All students should arrive at school at 9.45am and wait in the dining room.
- Their English Literature exam will begin at 10am and finish at 11.45am
- All students will remain in school and normal lunches will be provided.
- Lunch will be at 12pm
- Their Maths exam will start at 12.45pm and end at approximately 2.15pm, all students will be dismissed for home at this point.
- Lunch and finishing times may be slightly later for any students with exam concessions – these students will be informed individually.

Should there be any change to these plans, we will inform parents and carers as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
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