



November 2011

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: National Day of Action by Public Sector Workers – Wednesday 30 November 2011

You will no doubt be aware from the extensive media coverage of the National Day of Action planned by Public Sector and Local Government workers, protesting against the government's proposed pension reforms.

The day of action is scheduled for Wednesday 30 November.

I have been notified that the vast majority of teachers, administrative and support staff will be supporting this action and consequently I have reluctantly taken the decision that it will be necessary to close the school to most students on the day. This decision has been taken with regard to the potential Health and Safety risks associated with significantly reduced staffing numbers.

It is however, my intention to provide a 'private study facility' to Year 11 students who wish to come into school to prepare for their forthcoming mock exams or to complete coursework.

Those Year 11 students sitting the Level 2 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Tests in December should take the opportunity to complete practice papers online via the webpage - www.edexcel.com > in search box enter 'Level 2 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Practice Papers' and follow the online instructions.

Appropriate work for boys in Years 7 to 10 may be accessed through:-

- The school's Virtual Learning Environment (Fronter) at www.foresthillschool.co.uk
- The BBC Bitesize website at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize
- Sam Learning at www.samlearning.co.uk

Your son can access his Sam Learning work account by entering when prompted:-

- Centre ID : **SE23FH**
- User Name: his date of birth and initials (eg **210990vb**)
- Password : **same as user name**

Whilst we may sympathise with the cause prompting the protest action, I am naturally disappointed by the resulting disruption to our students' learning, and must apologise for the inconvenience to everyone. In the interim, negotiations between the government and the relevant unions and associations continue in an attempt to resolve the dispute. I will of course inform you immediately should the circumstances change. Please be alert to notifications via email, text message, on our website and via the automated phone system.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and understanding and give my assurance that students' progress will remain at the forefront of our efforts to minimise disruption to learning schedules.

Yours sincerely

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