

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

28th April 2023

WB **Tuesday 2nd May is a Timetable Week 1/A

WB 1ST MAY: BANK HOLIDAY AND STRIKE-DAY ARRANGEMENTS

A shorter week for many of our students, next week

Just a reminder that Monday (1st May) is, as usual, a National Bank Holiday and the Academy will be **closed to all staff and students**.

Tuesday 2nd May – National Industrial Action by some teachers....

In addition to the Bank Holiday, and as previously notified by emailed letter (copy available [here](https://bit.ly/3mDt0lt) (<https://bit.ly/3mDt0lt>)) Tuesday 2nd May is a National day of planned industrial action by some teachers and, in order to ensure sufficient staff availability to supervise students in the Academy, we are **open for year 11 students ONLY**; all other year groups will work from home (**EXCEPT those year 10 Performing Arts students who have been requested to attend for mandatory formal assessment purposes**; parents of these year 10 students have been contacted separately.)

“CAPTURE – Who’s Looking After The Children?”

We **THOROUGHLY** recommend this short 'Online Safety' video for parents

Do YOU know what your child is doing 'online'? This short video - recently published by Financial Times - is, we feel, a very powerful demonstration of just how little some parents really know about their child's online safety and this film opens up the potential for new avenues of conversation for parents talking to children about their social media use. It gives an important insight to the potential impact of social media on children and family life in general.

The video, specially put together and **starring Jodie Whittaker (Dr Who), Paul Ready (Motherland), Shaniqua Okwok (It's a Sin)** is well worth a watch and we would encourage parents/carers to find the 14 minutes it takes to do so. It is available on YouTube, [here](https://bit.ly/3HdUVzt) (<https://bit.ly/3HdUVzt>) and we thoroughly recommend it to not only OSA parents and carers - but ANY parents/carers. Please DO try and find the time to take a look.

ACADEMY FIELDS, LITTER, GLASS, DOGS (AND THEIR FAECES!)

Another plea to refrain from **TRESPASSING** in our 'outdoor classrooms'

Once again, numbers of members of the local community using our fields for social gatherings, in the evenings and weekends, or walking their dogs on the Academy's (private!) playing fields is on the increase; **OUR FIELDS ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND UNINVITED ACCESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT ANY TIME IS UNAUTHORISED/TRESPASS.**

We ask parents to share, with family, friends and neighbours, the key reasons why we PARTICULARLY ask that dogs are NOT walked on our fields – the very obvious health and hygiene dangers to our staff and students of stepping/falling in 'dog poo' which has been left on the ground by irresponsible dog owners, **Our PE staff should NOT have to 'pick up' dog faeces, left by antisocial dog-owners, before they can teach our students.** (It could be YOUR child who comes home with their clothing soiled by landing in dog mess which has been left!)

Secondly, the amount of litter (including broken glass, plastics and crumpled/jagged aluminium cans) is, at times, simply unbelievable. Our fields are not places to hold weekend barbeques or to consume alcohol in large, often anti-social groups, leaving behind all manner of rubbish. **Again, PE staff are sometimes having to 'litter pick' before they can use pitches to teach a lesson.**

And finally, the incredibly important need for us to Safeguard our students whilst in our 'outdoor classrooms.' We feel sure that no members of the public would feel it was acceptable to walk into our buildings and go into classrooms with our students, without an invitation; yet we have experienced some individuals walking their dogs straight through PE lessons whilst they are in progress! Respect for students' safety should be exactly the same when the 'classrooms' in question happen to be outdoors, in the form of football/rugby pitches or athletics tracks.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE, HEALTHY AND FREE FROM THE DANGERS OF 'DOG POO' BY REFRAINING FROM TRESPASSING ON OUR PLAYING FIELDS. THANK YOU.

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