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Dear Parents / Carers

Industrial Action by National Union of Teachers – Tuesday 27 June; Wednesday 28 June; Thursday 29 June

I am very disappointed to confirm that the NUT strike days as previously advised will go ahead next week. I am sorry for the late notification – I received final confirmation at lunchtime today following a meeting by the NUT membership.

Years 7, 8 & 9

We have spent time planning how to provide a structured offer for Years 7-9. The students will be completing a series of online exams in Maths, English and Science to objectively assess your son's progress and abilities in these three key subjects. This will build on the initial CATs tests that all students take when they join Forest Hill School. We will then be able to provide detailed feedback to the students, teachers and parents and ensure that we are able to tailor their curriculum to address any weaknesses.

Each of the three days will focus on a different test. All three year groups will focus on the same test on each day, though the tests are tailored for their age group.

Tuesday	Progress in English test	Assesses pupils' technical English skills (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and reading comprehension.
Wednesday	Progress in Maths test	Monitors pupils' mathematical skills and knowledge, in areas such as number, shape, data handling and algebra.
Thursday	Progress in Science test	Measures two dimensions of science learning: science content knowledge and understanding, and working scientifically (applying science skills).

In general the students cannot revise for these skill based tests, however they may find it useful to go over their maths skills using www.mymaths.co.uk and the science curriculum using BBC Bitesize <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zng4d2p>

Please note the daily arrangements as follows, and refer to the detailed tables shown overleaf for Year 10 students.

Year 9 : students should arrive at **9am** on all 3 days. They will be dismissed at **11am** each day.

Year 8 : students should arrive at **11am** on all 3 days. They will be dismissed at **1pm** each day.

Year 7 : students should arrive at **1.30pm** on all 3 days. They will be dismissed at **3.20pm** each day.

Years 7, 8 & 9 can leave school once they have completed their tests.

Year 10 : students are in school if their lessons are able to be taught – *please see the following sheet for full details*. There is no requirement for students to be on site if there is no lesson for them.

As Year 10 have their upcoming PPEs they can use the resources on the school website to revise subject topics at home when there are no timetabled lessons: <http://foresthill.lewisham.sch.uk/summer-ppe-checklists/>

There will be an adequate but limited lunch offer for those students on site over the lunch break.

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Year 12 : to attend by arrangement with their teachers.

To support the timetable on offer for the days of strike action, appropriate work for boys in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 may be accessed at home through a combination of the school's Virtual Learning Environment at www.foresthillschool.co.uk and the BBC Bitesize website at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize

I must reiterate how very disappointed I am about the ongoing industrial action and the disruption caused to students' education and to all parents/carers. I can only restate my commitment to working towards bringing the current period of damaging strike action to an end.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Sullivan', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Mike Sullivan
Headteacher

Details for Year 10

Tuesday 27th June

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
German 10D/Gd1	German 10D/Gd1	Double Science 10G/Ds2	Double Science 10F/Ds1	Food Technology 10B/Fn1	
Spanish 10D/Sp1	Spanish 10D/Sp1		Maths 10Y/Ma3	History 10B/Hs4	
Spanish 10D/Sp2	Spanish 10D/Sp2		Maths 10Y/Ma4		
Geography 10D/Ge1	Geography 10D/Ge1		Maths 10Y/Ma5		
History 10D/Hs1	History 10D/Hs1				
IT 10D/It1	IT 10D/It1				

Wednesday 28th June

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Games 10F/Ga2	Games 10F/Ga2	Chemistry 10G/Ch1	Games 10G/Ga2		
Games 10F/Ga3	Games 10F/Ga3	Games 10G/Ga2	Games 10G/Ga3		
Games 10F/Ga5	Games 10F/Ga5	Games 10G/Ga3	Games 10G/Ga4		
Double Science 10G/Ds2	Double Science 10G/Ds2	Games 10G/Ga4			
Double Science 10G/Ds3	Double Science 10G/Ds3				
	RE 10G/Re5				

Thursday 29th June

Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Business Studies 10A/Bs1	Business Studies 10A/Bs1	Maths 10X/Ma2	German 10D/Gd2	Double Science 10F/Ds3	Citizenship 10RF/Ci
Computer Science 10A/Cs1	Computer Science 10A/Cs1	Maths 10X/Ma3	Spanish 10D/Sp2	Double Science 10F/Ds4	Citizenship 10SF/Ci
Music Technology 10A/Mt1	Music Technology 10A/Mt1	Maths 10X/Ma5	Geography 10D/Ge1	Maths 10Y/Ma1	Games 10G/Ga1
Physical Education 10A/Pe1	Physical Education 10A/Pe1		History 10D/Hs1	Maths 10Y/Ma3	RE 10G/Re3
Product Design 10A/Dt1	Product Design 10A/Dt1			Maths 10Y/Ma4	Double Science 10G/Ds4
				Maths 10Y/Ma5	

*If you are unsure whether/when your son is due to lessons, please contact the school for clarification.