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# Head of School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

What a fantastic week we have had! This week has been a particularly busy one.

I would like to say a huge “thank you” to you and the students of the school during the teacher strike day on Wednesday. There was minimal disruption to the students’ learning on the teacher strike day. The next teacher strike days are on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will review each of these days as they arrive and will keep you fully informed on any changes to our normal working day.

On Thursday, in Years 7 we ran our popular DEAR Time sessions, which stands for ‘Drop Everything And Read’. This is where the whole class take turns to read a text and they then discuss what they have read to highlight key vocabulary and share their thoughts on the issues raised in the material. Our students’ feedback on the DEAR sessions and they are always so positive. In relation to our communications and reading agenda we have been holding our annual Book Fair this week and through to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. This has proven to be popular with the students and there is a wide selection of books for available for all. Students in Key Stage 3 have had an opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their English lesson.



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I have been incredibly proud and impressed with the number of students that are completing their ASPIRE cards. We feel it is important to be recognised for working hard. We have also got plenty of House Competitions taking place which includes the football and netball competitions that are taking part next week.

Year 11 are now working towards their forthcoming examinations and it has been a positive week for attending lunchtime interventions sessions which we provide every day. We continue to encourage completing GCSEPod revision and using the revision resources we have provided. To encourage further for Year 11 students we have launched the Loyalty Card which students will get signed every time they attend a revision class. There is plenty of prizes to be won!

We have had a large amount of applications for new temporary prefects in Year 10. Well done to all of the students that have applied.

Finally, I would like to remind you of an important change that will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. You will have seen a letter sent by Mr Hind (Executive Deputy Headteacher) explaining a decision the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust has made for students to follow their usual Monday timetable on the last day of this term - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The decision has been made because of the significant disruption our students have faced to their usual Monday timetable as a result of the various public holidays over this academic year. Please can I ask that you remind your child of this important change in preparation for next Friday.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

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