

**AMBITION, RESPECT, RESILIENCE**

***This week: Parents Evening; Year 11 mocks; NEU strike; Book Fair; MUFC game; parent governor; INSET day next week***

This term has - as usual - been incredibly busy in school with all of the usual activities, particularly Year 11's preparation for their mock examinations. We have held a series of Parents Evenings this half term in Years 7, 11 and 10 which have been generally well attended. Next half term, we focus more on Year 8 and 9 with information around Year 8 choices and the Year 9 GCSE options programme. Information will follow on this over the coming weeks.

Year 11 also complete their final mock examinations next half term before the main events in the summer term when the GCSE timetable commences.

I know that many of you will have been affected by the NEU Teachers' Strike last week. A reminder that the next strike will be on the Tuesday after half term - 28th February. We treat every strike day differently and it is of course extremely difficult to plan for it. Year 11 will again be in school on that day, and I will update you next week with our wider plans for this day.

The Book Fair arrived in school yesterday and is open all week at break on Monday and Thursday and every lunchtime in the library. Please see the bottom of the poster for ways to pay if you do not wish to send in cash. There will also be activities running for students to take part in to win vouchers to spend at the fair. Mrs Taylor, Librarian



On Wednesday a group of students attended the MUFC V Leeds game along with MU Foundation staff. The students were given hospitality which had kindly been donated to the Foundation. As part of the evening the students were able to meet some of the MUFC legends and ask questions about their careers and experiences.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor in school. This person will join our governing board with effect from next half term. If you are interested, please email [catherine.humphreys@wernethschool.com](mailto:catherine.humphreys@wernethschool.com) to express an interest, and we will follow this up with

a discussion. If more than one parent decides to put themselves forward for the position, we will hold an election and I will update you with details of that if necessary.

A reminder that next Friday is an INSET training day for teachers in school. This means that students break up for half term next Thursday at 3.10pm, and will return on Monday 27th February.

**Have a good weekend!**