



Weekly Principal's Letter – 4th February

Dear families,

My apologies that this letter did not get sent to you yesterday morning unfortunately as you will be aware we were having to deal with a lack of power in the building which was a consequence of the power cuts in Swindon at the weekend.

I am sorry that we had to send students home yesterday but unfortunately despite Engineers having being called out very early yesterday morning the power was unable to be fixed in time for the start of lessons. Given that we only had power in a limited number of classrooms we had to make the decision to close the school for Year 7 –10. I am pleased to say that this issue has now been resolved. My apologies for the inconvenience that I know this sudden closure will have caused.

Reflecting on the last two weeks I would like to say a huge well done to all year 7 – 10 students for all their hard work in their Best in Everyone assessments. Students have taken these really seriously and have worked really hard to do the best they possible can in these assessments. We wish our year 11 students luck as they prepare for their upcoming mock examinations which will start week beginning the 3rd March.

This coming week we are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 students and their families to school on Wednesday the 5th February for the Year 9 options evening.

Please find below a few additional updates for this week:

Lunch / Break Out of Bounds Areas

As part of ensuring we can effectively safeguard students at break and lunch time there are parts of the building that are out of bounds after the first five minutes of break / lunch. The main area which is out of bounds if the first and second floor.

At break and lunch time the first and second floor are out of bounds unless:

- Students have a pass for attending a specific club
- Are going to the library

From Monday 10th February students who are out of bounds upstairs at break/lunch will receive a 30 minute detention after school. We will have a week this week where we will remind students of the expectations before any consequences begin.

KS3 Homework Reminder

** Drive * Integrity * Scholarship * Contribution*



We are really pleased that since our changes to homework and homework sanctions at the start of this term we are seeing improving completion of Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. These two homework platforms provide a research based approach to improving numeracy and literacy. It is vitally important that all students complete this homework. A reminder that:

- If your child is struggling to access Sparx Maths please can you email:
novamathsenquiries@novahreodacademy.org.uk
- If your child is struggling to access Sparx Reader please can you email:
novaenglishenquiries@novahreodacademy.org.uk

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Harding-Mbogo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James Harding-Mbogo
Principal