



RMCG/KRE

16th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the half term break, I wanted to confirm arrangements with you and provide you with updates for the start of the next half term. The academy will close to students tomorrow, Friday 17th February, at the normal time and will reopen to students on Monday, 27th February at 8.35am.

Year 11 Half Term Revision:

We have a programme of revision/intervention for Year 11 students during half term. The final timetable for students is below. Thank you to the staff who are volunteering their time to support students.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Maths PETXj Workshop 9:00 am to 3:00pm On site <i>Pre-arranged attendees only</i>	Health & Fitness (Unit 2) Mr Wilson 9:30 am to 11:30 am On site – Room S14 Music Miss Wilkinson 10:00 am to 12:00 pm On site	Maths PETXj Workshop 9:00 am to 3:00 pm On site <i>Pre-arranged attendees only</i>	PE - Paper 1 Mr Evans/Mrs Evans (S) 10:00 am to 11:00 am Online Spanish Higher Mrs Evans/Mr Evans (S) 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Online Engineering Group 1 Mr Jordan 9:00 am to 12:00 pm On site	PE - Paper 2 Mr Evans/Mrs Evans (S) 10:00 am to 11:00 am Online Science - Chemistry Miss Lee/Miss Coatman (S) 10:00 am to 11:00 am Online Science - Physics Miss Coatman/Miss Lee (S) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Online
Afternoon			Spanish Foundation Mrs Evans/Mr Evans (S) 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm Online Food Technology Coursework Catch Up Mrs Jones/Miss Ritson 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm On site Engineering Group 2 Mr Jordan 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Onsite	Spanish Speaking Mrs Evans 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm On site	Separate Science Miss Lee/Miss Coatman (S) 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm On site & also online Maths - Foundation (Current grades 1 or 2) Mr Osborne/Miss Allen (S) Online Maths - Higher Mr Osborne/Miss Allen (S) 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm Online

Industrial Action – Tuesday 28th February:

As you will be aware the membership of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action on this day and future days. The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to Morton Academy or United Learning. The overwhelming majority of schools will be affected at a local and national level. On Tuesday 28th February the academy will only open for Year 11 students or pre-arranged students with specific needs such as an Education and Health Care Plan. All other students will have learning provided through the academy website. Free school meal vouchers will be available for relevant students.

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Uniform:

The academy expects all students to attend in full school uniform, and whilst the majority of students do, there are a small number who either do not wear their academy blazer or tie. We have also seen an increase in students wearing tracksuit bottoms to school instead of appropriate trousers or skirts. From Monday 27th February any students not in correct school uniform will have restrictions placed on their social times until the situation is resolved. I am hopeful any action will be entirely unnecessary and that parents will have resolved any uniform issues before we return.

Safeguarding:

During school holidays the academy will be unable to respond immediately to any safeguarding concerns, so please see signposting for services who can support during this time:

If you are worried about a child's mental health – low level concerns can be picked up by Kooth (www.kooth.com) where online counsellors and support are available daily. If there is a concern that the child is a risk to themselves, you can contact the crisis team. The service is for adults of all ages and young people, who are needing to speak to someone urgently about their mental health. Carers can also contact the service with urgent concerns. There is a single referral line. The service can be contacted on 0300 123 9015 or freephone 0800 652 2865.

If you are worried about online bullying or harassment - [CEOP Safety Centre](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) can help to advise and guide you to report the account or sender. You can also access information on the academy website which will enable you to block and report unwanted contact. If there are immediate risks or threats, please contact the police.

If you are worried about a child's safety or a child is at immediate risk of significant harm – all concerns should be raised with the safeguarding hub 0333 2401727 or the police on 999.

Any concerns raised with the academy will be picked up and actioned when school resumes.

I would like to wish all students and families a restful half term and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal

