



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is to give advance notice that the school will be closed for all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 10 on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd March. This closure is necessary to allow us to facilitate our Key Stage 4 Options Afternoon for Year 9. This is an important component of our programme of support for Year 9 so that they are provided with effective advice and guidance regarding their option choices for next year. A separate letter will go to all Year 9 parents/carers about this. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 10 will register during Lesson 4 and will be dismissed to go home at 12.40pm. Pupils in receipt of a free school meal will be able to have their meal and then go home. Pupils in Year 9 will have a programme of activities in the afternoon and will be dismissed from 2.45 pm.

I am aware that there is potential for further disruption to lessons the day before this early closure as 1st March is a proposed strike day for NEU members. Unfortunately neither the strike day nor the Options Afternoon can be moved. We will endeavour to minimise disruption to learning as far as possible.

All pupils in Year 11 will spend their afternoon lessons on 2nd March completing a Mathematics GCSE practice paper. They will finish at the usual time of 3.00 pm (pupils with access arrangements allowing them extra time may have a later finish). This will give Year 11 pupils an important opportunity to develop their exam skills prior to the public exams in the summer.

Sixth Form lessons will continue as normal on all sites unless otherwise notified by subject staff.

Reg's Coaches will depart at 12.50pm on this day; there will be no coach at 3.15 pm.

There will be no Enrichment Clubs running on this day.

If there are any problems with your child going home safely at 12.40 pm, then please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wood  
Headteacher

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