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Dear families

Welcome to this week's letter, with information about assessments for examination years, arrangements for Thursday 2nd March and mental health support in Camden

Arrangements for Thursday 2nd March

On **Thursday 2nd March** the NEU are intending to take strike action as part of a national campaign. As the vast majority of William Ellis teachers are NEU members, the **school will be closed to students in years 7-10** unless they are invited in for a specific intervention e.g. a counselling or mentoring session. Students on free school meals will receive credit on ParentPay that students can use on other days.

Year 11 students will be completing an English Language mock exam on that day, to minimise disruption to teaching on other days. **All year 11 students should be in school for 9am.** All normal exam regulations, for example about mobile phones and uniform, will apply. This is important preparation for their GCSEs. If Year 11s would like to remain on site after the examinations for private study, we need parents to email Mr Scott scott@williamellis.camden.sch.uk so that we know who is attending. Normal behaviour expectations will need to be met if students are studying and there will be minimal lunch service on that day.

Year 12 and 13 students will be able to use the 6th form centre for private study between 9am and 3pm on that day.

Year 11 LaSWAP interviews

The majority of Year 11 students will be coming into school tomorrow, Saturday 25th February, for their LaSWAP interviews and have been sent an invitation for a specific time. Other students will have interviews after school if they have requested this. Families are welcome to attend the interviews. We look forward to supporting them with this part of their journey.

Year 13 mock exams

We have made a change to the dates of the March mocks as a result of planned strike action. All A Level students are off timetable for these assessments. Mocks were due to take place the week of 6 March. However they will now take place the **week of 13 March**. This is to ensure that students maintain as much face to face time with teachers as possible. [The full timetable can be found here.](#)

Job vacancies at William Ellis

We are currently recruiting for a number of support staff roles, including with part time and flexible hours. Parents, carers and wider family members are welcome to apply. For more details please see [our website](#).

Camden Mental Health Support Team (MHST) - webinar series for parents/carers

The MHST are pleased to offer parents/carers a series of workshops to support their children's well-being.

Parents and carers can register for any of the above webinars through Eventbrite for free at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-webinar-series-2022-2023-tickets-415252660887>

Webinar topic	Intended Parent Audience	Date	Time
Having therapeutic conversations with your child	Primary & Secondary	Friday 3 March	12-1pm Q and A: 1-1.30pm
Supporting childhood worries	Primary & Secondary	Friday 10 March	12-1pm Q and A: 1-1.30pm
Anxiety in adolescence	Secondary	Friday 17 March	12-1pm Q and A: 1-1.30pm
Gender identity	Secondary	Friday 24 March	12-1pm Q and A: 1-1.30pm

Yours faithfully,



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