

10 March 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

You will be aware that the final two days of planned strike action are Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. This action is not against our school, but is part of national industrial action organised by the National Education Union (NEU) regarding pay and school funding.

Having carried out a further risk assessment following the industrial action at the end of February, we are sorry to advise you that we have no choice but to partially close again on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023. The school will remain open for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students only on these days.

As mentioned previously, our priority is to ensure the school can operate safely and we will not know until the day exactly how many teachers we have on site. We are also mindful that staff not taking strike action may have children at other schools who are affected by strike action, which may result in additional staff absence.

For all students in Years 7 to 10, we will share further details with information and links to online work that students are able to complete at home and ensure we share enough work to support students for both days.

Please see below the plan we have put in place for the year groups in school:

Year 11

Students will start the day in their tutor groups as normal and will attend their GCSE lessons as normal throughout the day. If they have a lesson during the day where their teacher is absent, they will receive an appropriate core programme of study. This will include our leadership team delivering specialist maths and English lessons to ensure that, at this crucial time of year, we are preparing them effectively for their GCSE examinations.

Year 12 and Year 13

Students should attend the sixth form study centre when they arrive to school and they will attend their A Level lessons as normal throughout the day. If they have a lesson during the day where their teacher is absent, they will be directed to independently study in the sixth form study centre. During this time they can work on any coursework they have upcoming deadlines for or complete independent revision for their A Level examinations.

The usual school transport arrangements and lunchtime provision will be in place. Timetabled exam revision classes will also be running after school on both days.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Vicky Loftus
Headteacher