

24th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

INDUSTRIAL ACTION –Thursday 27th April, 2023 and Tuesday 2nd May, 2023

The National Education Union (NEU), which represents some teachers in schools, has voted to take industrial action in the form of a strike on Thursday 27th and on Tuesday 2nd May.

We respect the teachers' right to take this action in the dispute they have with the Department of Education. However, we recognise that this will be disruptive to students' education and to parents and carers.

We are working to adhere to government guidelines in offering maximum provision to students and we are therefore prioritising remaining open to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those who are due to sit public examinations.

All students in Year 11 are expected to attend as normal on both days.

For children who are in the priority groups (vulnerable or critical worker), that have come in on previous strike days, they are also able to attend. If you feel that your child falls into one of these categories and your child hasn't attended previously during a strike day, please contact the Academy to discuss this with your child's Learning Manager.

Students in other year groups, who are not in the priority groups outlined above, should not attend the academy on the strike days. All the usual home learning platforms are available (Educake, GCSE Pod, Language Nut and Sparx or Hegarty Maths). **In addition, work for each year group can be found on the academy website. Look at strike day resources on the home page under News and follow the instructions from there.**

The strike day will be a normal school day for Y11s and others attending. We expect them to attend in full school uniform and be here by 8:20am at the latest. School will finish at 2:30pm that day. Break time food and lunch time meals will be for sale as normal in the canteen.

We very much regret the disruption and inconvenience caused, but the decision to restrict attendance has been made after very careful consideration and in the best interests of students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

H O'Brien
Principal