



13 March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

**Update on Industrial Action – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

As you are aware members of the National Education Union (NEU), plan to take industrial action on both Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

As with the previous days of industrial action, I have been advised of the intention of a significant number of teaching staff who are planning to strike on these days and we have therefore made the decision to restrict attendance on this day to students in Year 12 & 13 only. This is in the interest of student safety on the school site, our capacity to provide adequate supervision to students and the desire to provide supported opportunities for learning for those students studying for external examinations this year.

**Students in Years 7 – 11 – School will be closed**

Students will be provided with guidance for self-directed remote learning on Satchel to complete at home.

**Students in Years 12 – School will be open**

The school will be open for Year 12 students to provide an important opportunity for independent exam preparation and supervised study in the Sixth Form Centre and LRC. Students should register in the Sixth Form on arrival and should sign out when leaving the premises for health and safety purposes.

To enable the school to plan effectively for the day and provide suitable resources we will require Year 12 students only to complete a form via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B8AwOD58skqJqlhUuk3pNOTj5Vlzqh5HnOkjPr6gondUNVZGRlo4TjRMM0YzR05ST1ZRQ0lIR0lWMI4u>

**Students in Years 13 – School will be open and examinations will take place as planned**

Students will be required to be in school to complete mock examinations. Students will also be able to remain in school before, after and in-between their exams for further study time if required until the end of the school day at 3.10pm. Students should register in the Sixth Form on arrival and should sign out when leaving the premises for health and safety purposes.

Whilst we understand that the arrangements do not mirror that of a normal day, we wish to ensure that we continue to support the development of independent learning and revision, whilst incorporating the mock examinations.

We will also offer an on-site provision for a small number of students we feel will require support and supervision on the day. We will not be able to provide this to many students as we cannot guarantee the safe supervision of large numbers of students. Parents or carers of students identified by colleagues in the Pastoral Team will be contacted by Mrs Haynes to invite them into school for supported study.

Our catering team will provide a reduced meal option for those students who will attend school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

I would like to offer my apologies for the disruption this may cause to families and thank you for understanding the challenges of planning for provision under these uncertain conditions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher