



27 February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Update on Industrial Action – Thursday 2nd March 2023

As you may already be aware the second day of planned industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU), is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd March.

As with the previous day of Industrial Action I have been advised of the intention of a significant number of teaching staff who are planning to strike on this day and we have therefore made the decision to restrict attendance on this day to students in Year 11 only. This is in the interest of student safety on the school site and based on our capacity to provide adequate supervision to students.

We will have a delayed start of 9am to allow us to manage this provision.

Students in Years 7 – 10 – 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 & 13 – School will be closed

Sixth Form students will be provided with guidance for self-directed remote learning on Satchel to complete at home and will receive a separate communication with additional information.

Students in Year 11 – School will be open

Students will be required to be in school to complete their Maths GCSE Mock Examination, which is a 90-minute exam that will start at 12pm.

All students are very welcome to come into school at the slightly later time of 9am for independent study before the exam should they wish. Students will also be able to remain in school after the exam for further study time if required until the end of the school day at 3.10pm.

To enable the school to plan effectively for the day and provide suitable resources we will require students to complete a form via the link which will be included in a separate communication for Year 11 students only.

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 Maths GCSE Mock Examination.

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 Thursday 2nd March. A separate communication will be forwarded to those students who would ordinarily be in receipt of free school meals on this day.

Please note we will return to normal timings upon our return on Friday (8.35am).

Yours sincerely

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

Mr P Foster

Headteacher