



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware from the media that the National Education Union (NEU) and the government have still not reached an agreement over the current pay dispute. Therefore the NEU has announced that it intends to continue with its plans for industrial action in schools across England. The next planned days of industrial action are **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

I would like to remind all parents/carers that this strike action is happening because of a national dispute between the government and the NEU over pay, not because of any issues at our school. We remain committed to keeping the school open to students if possible, however given the number of staff who are in this union we will have to continue our procedures that have been in place for the previous days of industrial action. This is because on these days there will not be enough staff in school to safely supervise all the students.

We continue to prioritise Year 11 who will complete their second week of PPE exams next week. Therefore **all students in Year 11 should attend school as normal** next Wednesday and Thursday. They should arrive at 8.30am, they will complete their PPE exams, then they will leave earlier than usual at the following times:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 will leave school at 2pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 will leave school at 12 noon, with Triple Science students leaving at 12:45pm

**School will be closed for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on both Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** These year groups will be set online learning for them to complete during the day, and they will be expected to attend school as normal from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The only exception to this is Y10 students who are in the following classes. This is because we are also prioritising the ongoing Year 10 BTEC Assessment taking place in school. If your son/daughter is in any of the classes below, they must attend school on the appropriate day.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March (0830-1315)

10A Health and Social Care – Mrs Walmsley

10A Digital IT – Mr Whitelock

10A Media – Ms Elliot

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (0830-1315)

10C Health & Social Care – Mrs Walmsley

10C Resistant Materials – Mr Carney

10C Music – Mr Millington

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This is the plan for those days based on the information we have currently. It is possible but unlikely that the government and the NEU may come to some agreement before then which would cancel the industrial action. We continue to monitor the situation daily and if there is any change to the plans outlined above we will contact all parents/carers immediately.

Thank you for your support and our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher