

26th January, 2023

Dear Parents,

PLANNED NEU STRIKES

I hope you and your families are well. It has been a very productive Spring term so far and attendance is very good. I would like to share with you that the school won an FFT (Fischer Family Trust) attendance award for the autumn term 2022-23 placing the school in the top 10% of all schools nationally. I want to sincerely thank you for your consistent support in getting your son(s) into school on time. Being punctual is a pre-requisite for making an organised start to the day.

As you may be aware the NEU is intending to take strike action affecting London on the following dates:

1. Wednesday 1 February 2023
2. Thursday 2 March 2023
3. Wednesday 15 March 2023
4. Thursday 16 March 2023

A significant number of the teaching staff are NEU members and will probably support the national strikes on the dates above. Starting with Wednesday, February 1st - it will be necessary for the majority of pupils to have a home learning/reading day on this date with the exception of the following:

- a selected group of pupils in Years 7-10
- a selected group of pupils in Year 11
- a selected group of pupils in Year 13

Work (Home learning) will be set on G4S (Go4schools) in some subjects (Mathematics, English, Science, RE and MFL) for boys in Years 7-13 to complete. Boys should work from 9am to 3pm. The usual morning registration at 8.30am will not take place. Parents must please remind their son(s) to check G4S in the morning of February 1st. Boys should also visit their local library, renew their membership and take out reading books.

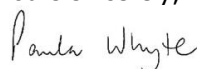
Parents of Y11 and Y13 are reminded to ensure your son(s) are studying daily in preparation for their final Mock exams which are timetabled to begin on Monday, February 20th. The timetable for the first week is attached. The timetable for the second week is still in draft due to the teacher strikes and will be finalised and shared with parents after the half term.

To be clear, the school will be closed to the majority of pupils on Wednesday, February 1st with the exceptions of the groups above. The parents of these boys will be written to separately.

I will write later regarding arrangements for the proposed strike day 2 on Thursday, March 2nd. Please note that pupils in Years 7-13 will finish school at 1.30pm on Friday, February 10th for half term. School reopens on Monday, February 20th at the usual time.

Our next Headteacher's First Friday on-line meeting for parents will take place on February 3rd from 10.00-10.30. Please contact enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you would like to join this meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Paula Whyte
Headteacher