

13th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: STRIKE ACTION – WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH AND THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union, NEU, are taking industrial action, which includes strikes on Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th March, 2023.

Having been made aware of the likely numbers of staff taking strike action on 15th and 16th March, the school will be closed to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 who should not attend school, with the exception of Year 12 Chemistry and BTEC Business students (see details below). This is because I cannot provide sufficient supervision for these students. Work will be set on G4S (Go for Schools) for these students.

All students in Year 11 should attend school at the usual time of 8.25am on Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th March. The school day will finish at 12.30pm on both days for all Year 11 students. Boys are to wear full school uniform and come fully equipped for learning.

Sixth Form students are to attend school as follows:

- Wed 15th March: Year 12 (Periods 1-4: BTEC Business) / (Periods 3-4: Chemistry)
- Wed 15th March: Year 13 (Periods 1-4: History/Chemistry/Mathematics/English)
- Thur 16th March: Year 12 (Periods 1-4: BTEC Business) / (Periods 1-2: Chemistry)
- Thur 16th March: Year 13 (Periods 1-4: History/Chemistry/Mathematics/English/BTEC Business)

These students will have revision in these subjects during periods 1 to 4. School will finish for Year 13 at 12.30pm. Year 13 students who do not study any of the above subjects should study at home on Wed and Thurs, 15th and 16th March. Those wishing to study in school should let Ms Pabila know so we can plan for them.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your son at short notice, and that he will experience disruption to his education.

I am setting up a foodbank at the school working with FoodBank Aid. Parents who would like to avail of this opportunity can visit the school between 12.00pm-5.00pm, Mon-Fri 27th-31st March and fill up their shopping bags for the Easter holidays. I hope some families will find this beneficial.

Please encourage your son to work extremely hard if he is doing Public examinations starting on 15th May. There are seven teaching weeks left and two of these are shortened weeks due to Bank holidays on Monday, 1st May and Monday 8th May.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Paula Whyte
Headteacher