

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: NEU Industrial Action Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

These two further dates have been announced as days of industrial action from the National Education Union (NEU) unless they are called off.

The detail in this letter refers to – both **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please read the details for **both** days carefully as the plans for each are very different.

In making these plans, I have needed to consider the ability for remaining staff in school to run the school safely. All staff not taking strike action will be working in school on this day.

It is important to note, in the plans that follow, some staff may not be available due to strike action, others may not be in school for other reasons. Some staff will need to manage the alternative day that will be taking place in school. Our focus is to maximise education for those closest to their GCSE and A Level examinations with a bespoke programme.

**Wednesday - Learning for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be online remotely using our Teams on O365.**

Students should log into each lesson of the five lessons at the correct time.

If a teacher for a class is available – they will join the lesson within 5 minutes of the start of the lesson to support learning live and provide an assignment. Staff may use the audio and the chat facility but will not use the camera.

We will have a range of activities posted for students who do not have a teacher available. Students without a teacher should visit the “Tutor Team” and then into their “Year” to collect tasks. 5 tasks for each day will be available and can be accessed even if student’s teachers are available but they want more.

In addition, several students in Years 7 to 10 will be attending school for the day, separate contact will be made for this group.

**Wednesday - Learning for Year 10**

Please look out for a personalised email which we aim to get to you by the end of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Some students will be called in to spend the day on subjects who have requested them. Your email will detail the times and subjects your child is needed for. This will focus on practical and course work elements.

Students should attend when required and then carry out any remaining lessons online on O365 at home, in the same way as Years 7, 8 and 9.

## **Wednesday - Learning for Year 12**

Students will be in school as normal. All internal exams will be taking place in line with the published schedule. Students not in internal exams should attend lessons where a teacher is in the building, or complete private study in the Sixth Form Centre.

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year groups (7 to 10)**

Our Sports Day is on the calendar and will be taking place exactly as normal, for all students signed up to take part.

Please look out for the personalised email which we aim to reach you by the end of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to allow you to plan for the day. This email will let you know if your child is taking part in Sports Day.

All students taking part in Sports Day should arrive in their PE kit for a full day, and they should report to the sports hall for registers to be taken at 8.40am.

Students not taking part in Sports Day, who have not been contacted privately to be in school, should remain at home and access learning on O365.

For this day – all lessons will be in the “Year Team”, the “Year” not in class Teams.

### **Year 12 students**

All students will be in school – supporting with Sports Day or completing private study work in the Sixth Form Centre.

### Accessing Office 365 Online

**If your child cannot access O365 on the internet**, please contact your child’s Head of Academic Progress before 3pm on Monday to allow us to support you to resolve issues, or to provide printed materials to your child. Our guide to installing the free set of Office tools at home is [here](#) on our website.

### Lunch

A lunch service will run in school for all students expected to be in, on both days – at both break and lunch.

Students on free school meals who are not in school will be contacted separately about the arrangements for funding. Please look out for this email.

I appreciate that this strike action may present some practical difficulties for parents and carers. Please be reminded that if your child has been told to attend school you have a legal duty to ensure you send your child to school on days when strike action is being taken regardless of parental choice or the closure of other classes or year groups in school.

Thank you in advance for your patience whilst I take all reasonable steps to keep the school open and learning happening for as many students as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'A' and 'R' in a cursive style, followed by a long horizontal flourish that tapers to the right.

Headteacher