



10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As promised, I am now in a position to share with you our plan for next Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March, when the National Education Union (NEU) are due to take strike action.

In line with Department for Education guidance, alongside the uncertainty of not knowing which teaching staff will attend on these days, we will open the school for the following students:

- All Year 11s; they will attend normal lessons on **both** days where staff are available. Where this is not feasible, students will be supervised to complete revision and activities to enhance their learning.
- Students with additional needs and/or vulnerabilities, including all those with EHCPs; parents of these students will be contacted directly, and they will be supervised for the day, undertaking learning activities.
- Students whose parents are critical workers and who cannot work at home; if parents or carers believe they fall into this category, please e-mail your child's Head of Year, stating clearly your occupation and he/she will confirm your child's attendance. The link to critical worker definitions is below.  
**[Withdrawn] Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**
- All Year 9s on **Thursday 16th March**, should attend an excellent workshop 'Inspired Futures Knife Crime Workshop' run by the Ambulance Service, Inspired Futures, The Metropolitan Police and The Flavasum Charity Trust. Year 9 should arrive at 8.25 a.m. as usual, where they will be directed to registration. The session will last until 1.30 p.m. and students will have the opportunity to get food in the canteen at break time. Students will be allowed to leave school at 1.30 p.m.

The timings of the school day for those who are in school (except Year 9), will be as normal, food service will be as normal and full school uniform should be worn by all students, including Year 9.

Arrangements for registration will be different but we will confirm these with parents, carers and the students who are attending at the start of next week.

**For students in Year 7 to 10 who will not be in school,** we will endeavour to make study materials available via Edulink where possible, though due to strike regulations we will not be able to provide online lessons and setting work may not be possible for all learners due to staff on strike.

It is important to point out, that if the strike action does not go ahead for whatever reason, then we will update the plan and open in full as long as any change falls within a manageable deadline.

Once again, I would like to reiterate my sympathy with and empathy for the difficulty and complexity all stakeholders are dealing with in navigating this situation and thank everybody in advance for their support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



**MR. W. THOMPSON**  
**Principal**