



21st April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am now in a position to share with you our plan for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, 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. The NEU, acknowledging how close the Year 11 exams are, have agreed for their members attending on these two days, just to teach their Year 11 classes. Consequently, we are anticipating a more normal timetable for Year 11. Where this is not feasible, students will be supervised to complete revision and activities to enhance their learning.
- Year 10s will attend their mock exams on both days (details below). Students should only attend if they have an exam for an option that they study and should revise at home when they are not expected to be in for an exam. Students who fail to attend their scheduled exams on these days will be asked to catch up with them **after school** when they return.

Thursday 27 th April	Tuesday 2 nd May
8:25am – Design Technology	8:25am – Triple Science Physics (Triple Science students only)
11:15am – French Reading and Listening	11:15am - Construction

- 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[Withdrawn] Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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

For students in Year 7 to 9 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,

W Thompson.

MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal