

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Further NEU Industrial Action 27th April and 2nd May 2023

As you will be aware, the National Education Union has declared two further days of industrial action. The first of these is next week, Thursday 27th April and the second the week after, Tuesday 2nd May. This industrial action is due to a national dispute between the National Education Union and the Government.

There are a significant number of SVCS staff striking. However, the staffing pressures of last term have eased, as the three previously vacant positions are now filled. In a change to arrangements from the strike days last term, we are able to partially open the school. We are prioritising GCSE students due to take public examinations and those who have end of year exams this term - Years 10 and 11.

Consequently, our provision on both strike days will be as follows:

Year 10 and 11 - Attend school and follow normal timetable for taught sessions and independent study. If the member of staff is not present in the lesson, then the students will be expected to carry out independent revision for their upcoming exams. **Students will need to ensure they are prepared for the day with the appropriate revision materials to allow them to work independently for any supervised revision sessions.**

*If students have PE on those days, please bring PE kit.

Year 7 - 9 - Remote learning via Teams - staff will place work that can be completed by your child on Teams. There will not be any live lessons. Should any child in Year 7 – 9 need any extension tasks or follow up work during the day to complete, they can make use of the following:

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

<https://www.linguascope.com/>

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](#)

Please note that the National Education Union has instructed teachers taking industrial action not to set cover work – so that does mean that not all Year 7 – 9 classes will have cover work set on Teams.

There will not be any after school activities on those days. Normal catering will be provided on site for Years 10 and 11.



Students in Years 7-9 who are learning remotely and receive Free School Meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) will be provided with a packed lunch ahead of strike days, i.e. on Wednesday 26th April and Friday 28th April.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

The Year 10 Parents' Evening which was on the calendar for Thursday 27th April has been rescheduled to Tuesday 9th May. This is a face-to-face evening and you will receive details about how to make appointments shortly.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

With kind regards

Rachel Kelly
Headteacher

