



## LEARNING TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Part of the CSIA Trust, Company No. 7551989

Dear Parents and Carers,

The NEU (a Teaching Union) have declared strike action on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the above dates:

Year 11 and 13

- All of Year 11 + 13 are to attend school as normal on both strike days; they will have lessons to prepare for their upcoming examinations.

Year 10 + 12

- On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – only Year 10 students who study Sociology, French and Spanish should come into school for their mock exams and then go home, these start at 9.00am and finish at 10.45am. Students who cannot get home are able to stay in school and study, we will provide study rooms. All other Year 10 students are to remain at home for the day on the 27 April. Year 12 students do not come in on this day.
- On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - only Year 10 students who study History should come into school for their mock exam and then go home, these start at 9.00am and finish at 10.45am. Students who cannot get home are able to stay in school and study, we will provide study rooms. All other Year 10 students are to remain at home for the day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Year 12 students should come into school to sit their timetabled examinations.

Vulnerable children

- We will invite some students to attend school for the day and you will receive a message if we think your child should come to school.

In this letter:  
Information about Strike  
Action

27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Year 11 + 13 students  
All students in school on both  
days

Y10 students  
Sociology, French and  
Spanish students to attend on  
27<sup>th</sup> April from 9am-10.45am.

History students to attend on  
2<sup>nd</sup> May from 9am-10.45am.

Year 12 students  
27<sup>th</sup> April – Stay at home  
2<sup>nd</sup> May - Attend for  
timetabled examinations only.

Free school meals  
£5 will be given for each  
child (not Year 11+13).

This will be given to  
students to bring home in  
May to cover the 2 strike  
days and will be a  
voucher.

Vulnerable students will be  
sent a message about some  
coming in to school



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Students staying at home:

- All other students will stay at home for the 2 strike days
- Students who are not in school will be provided with activities to do online but these are optional. This will not be their normal lessons.

Other arrangements

- On both days the canteen will be open at break and lunchtime for students who are in school to buy food or to have their free school meal.
- Parents of students who have a free school meal (except Y11 + 13 as they will be in school) will get £5 for each child. This will be given to your child to bring home in May in the form of a voucher to cover both strike days.
- We will not be running after school clubs / Co-Curricular activities on both days, so the school day will end at 2.45pm for students.
- School buses will run as normal.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and they will experience disruption to their education.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. CSIA remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact reception who will pass the message on to the year teams.

Kind regards

Emma Haase

Principal