



LEARNING TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Part of the CSIA Trust, Company No. 7551989

Dear Parents and Carers,

I recently wrote to you to explain that the NEU (a Teaching Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on **1st February, 2nd, 15th & 16th March 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

➤ **1st February** - All of Year 11 are to attend school as normal and they will have a special timetable in English, Maths and Science to help them prepare for their GCSE examinations. Some students will also have the opportunity to complete coursework in subjects such as DT, Construction, iMedia, Sport, Child Development, Dance, Drama and Media etc. **An individual timetable will be created for each student.**

➤ **2nd March** – All of Year 11 are to attend school as normal and they will follow their mock exam timetable. This is English Literature in the morning for all students and in the afternoon Computer Science, Sociology, Chemistry and Media. Students who do not take those subjects will be in revision for other subjects.

➤ **15th & 16th March** - All of Year 11 are to attend school as normal and they will have a special timetable in English, Maths and Science to help them prepare for their GCSE examinations. Some students will be given time to catch up or complete coursework. **An individual timetable will be created for each student.**

1st February, 2nd, 15th & 16th March 2023:

- Year 13 students are to attend for their timetabled lessons if the teachers will be in school. Mr Kirkbride will be sending home an individual timetable so students know which lessons are going ahead.
- Year 13 Art and Photography Mock examinations will take place as planned.
- 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

**1st February, 2nd March, 15th
March, 16th March**

Year 11 - In school on all days
**An individual timetable will be
created for each student.**

Y13 to attend lessons if
teachers are in.

Free school meals
£10 will be given for each
child (not Year 11). This will
be given to you at the start
of March to cover all 4 strike
days.

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



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Students staying at home:

- 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 all days the canteen will be open at break and lunchtimes 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 as they will be in school) will get £10 for each child. This will be given to you at the start of March to cover all 4 strike days.
- We will not be running after school clubs / Co-Curricular activities on those days, so the school day will end at 2.45pm for all students.
- School buses will run as normal
- Year 7 English exams due to be sat on 1st February will be rearranged in the next available lesson slot.

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