



## LEARNING TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Part of the CSIA Trust, Company No. 7551989

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (a Teaching Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on **1st February, 2nd March, 15th March & 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 giving you as much notice as possible that learning will be disrupted on the above dates. We're considering several options, including opening for key examination groups and also closing the school for some year groups. It is likely we will open for all of Year 11 and run classes in Year 13 if the teachers are in school (as some teachers are members of different unions that are not striking). We may also be able to open to a limited number of vulnerable students and some of the children of key workers but until we know how many staff will be in, we cannot guarantee this. We are also looking to offer a provision for all students who receive a free school meal on each of the strike days.

**We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.**

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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 of the final arrangements as soon as possible. This will be by a letter which will be emailed out to parents. A link to the letter will also go out via text and be put on our website and Facebook page.

If you have any questions, please contact reception who will forward your enquiry on.

Kind regards

Emma Haase  
Interim Principal

In this letter:

Information about Strike  
Action

Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup>  
March, 16<sup>th</sup> March

Students who may be in  
school on the above dates

- Year 11
- Some Year 13
- Some vulnerable students
- Some students of key workers

Further details will be sent  
home by email

We are looking to offer a  
provision for students who  
get a free school meal