10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, there are two further days of industrial action planned by the National Education Union for next week. These are:

• Wednesday 15 March 2023

• Thursday 16 March 2023

Staff do not have to inform me of their intentions until the day of the strike, but I am in the enviable situation where all of my staff have made their intentions clear in advance. Due to this I am able to communicate the following to you today:

* On Wednesday 15th March 2023 school is to be **open to Year 8 (all day)** and **Year 11 (am only**) and closed to Years 7, 9 and 10. Students in Year 7, 9 and 10 will be set work at the time of their lesson using TEAMS assignments. Only teachers who are not striking will do this, so there will still be lessons where no tasks are assigned.
* On Thursday 16th March 2023 school is to be open to **Year 10 (all day)** and **Year 11 (all day)** and closed to Years 7, 8 and 9. Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be set work at the time of their lesson using TEAMS assignments. Only teachers who are not striking will do this so there will still be lessons where no tasks are assigned.

Our Director of Sixth Form will be writing to Post 16 students with arrangements regarding lessons for these days.

All students should now be very familiar with TEAMS assignments as the majority of homework is now set in this way. Please check your child can access TEAMS in advance of Wednesday 15th March 2023. If there are any issues please ask your child to report this to their Tutor.

Should lesson content not be set as the teacher is striking, or if your child faces difficulty logging into TEAMS on these days, then please direct your child to put into practice the independent study skills that they have been taught at school, namely retrieval practice, whereby they revisit topics that they have already covered; from memory at first and then by checking over their notes. The BBC Bitesize website is a useful tool to help students with their learning:

Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize

Once on this website, students should select the relevant school year under the ‘England’ menu and from here, they can then select the relevant subjects.

I will, of course write to you should we need to amend this plan, or if indeed a settlement is reached and the strike does not go ahead.

Yours faithfully

**Mr D Foskett**

**Headteacher**