

Headteacher: Ms A. Ward BA (Hons) MA (Ed)

23rd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action: Thursday 2nd March and Academic Review Day: Friday 10th March

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared another day of strike action, which will take place on Thursday 2nd March. Again, the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over teachers' pay conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

The school will be closed to most students on this day. Students should use this time to consolidate their learning from the year so far, reviewing their work and learning from the autumn and spring terms.

Attendance to school on this day will be compulsory for students in Year 11 and Year 13. These students have mock exams on this day and so it is essential that they attend.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Students in these year groups will be asked to study from home on this day.

If this is difficult for you to facilitate then there will be an option for your child to attend school. If you need to send your child to school on this day, please let us know by writing a note for your child's form tutor by Tuesday 28th February. We will send a message to parents in advance of Thursday to confirm that we have received your request and that we are expecting your child in school.

A small number of students from all year groups will be invited in, this is for students who we feel would benefit from additional study support on this day. We will contact you directly if this involves your child.

Free school meals

If your child is in school, and is eligible for free school meals, then they will have lunch at school as normal. If they are not in school then they can pick up a packed lunch from main reception between midday and 1pm. Please let us know by Tuesday 28th February if your child will do this. They should tell their form tutor.

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Academic Review Day: Friday 10th March

In light of the number of school days missed this term, we have made the decision to **cancel Academic Review Day. This will instead be a normal school day** with all students attending their usual timetabled lessons.

Parents/carers will receive a written report with progress data and comments from their child's form tutor about their progress. Instead of an in-person appointment on Academic Review Day, there will be an opportunity to schedule a phone call with your child's tutor to discuss their written report.

Written reports will be sent to parents/carers in the week commencing Monday 13th March, along with details of how to request a phone call with your child's tutor if you would like to do this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Alice Ward
Headteacher

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