

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Planned strike action by the NEU – Thursday 2 March

Thank you for your support and understanding during this period of industrial action. As before, we have a significant number of teachers who are NEU members and we anticipate that there will be enough staff supporting the strike to cause significant disruption to the school.

Therefore, given that we are unable to guarantee adequate supervision of students who are on site, we have decided for Health and Safety reasons to do the following:-

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 11
 - Students should follow their timetabled day and access their lessons through google classroom independently. Further information about lesson activities will be emailed to students on the day.
- Year 10.
 - Year 10 parents will know that we have booked for a production team to come into school to work with Year 10 on their Shakespeare play for their GCSE English exam 'Macbeth'.
 - Our expectation is that **ALL** Year 10 will come into school for the following times:-

	8.45-10.30am	11.15-1pm
	10A1	10A2
	10B1	10B2
	10D1	10D2
Tutor groups	10J1	10J2
	10P1	10P2
	10S1	10S2

- For the rest of the day Year 10 will follow their timetabled day and access their lessons through google classroom independently. Further information about lesson activities will be emailed to students on the day.
- Those parents who have already paid for this play and workshop will have their money refunded as soon as possible.
- Year 11 Design Technology classes - 11CDe3/11BDe2/11DDe2. Students in these classes were unfortunately affected by long term staff absence during the Autumn term and therefore will be expected to be in school to continue to work on their NEA. If your child is in one of these classes a letter with more information is being sent out shortly

- Students in years 7-11 who have an Educational Health Care Plan, those who are subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan and those students who are Looked After will once more be able to come into school . We will contact these parents to ask if they would like their child to come into school on this day. They will be supervised and supported to complete the same pieces of work that students at home will be completing.
- The canteen will **not** be open for students to purchase food and so students will need to bring into school a packed lunch for the day.
- For students who are eligible for Free School Meals, we will be emailing out a voucher to their parents next week.

As a reminder, the remaining dates for planned industrial action are: *Wednesday 15 March Thursday 16 March*. If these do go ahead and we find ourselves in a similar position, Year 11 students will be in school and more information will be provided closer to the time.

Again, I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education but, as you will appreciate, our first priority has to be providing a safe and secure environment for our students and to do our best to ensure that whatever we offer we can safely manage.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oakley